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Before the

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Office of Engineering and Technology

Washington, D.C. 20554

In re Application of Sierra Space Corporation for Renewal of Experimental Radio Station
License (Call Sign **WO2XXQ**)

File No. 0449-EX-CR-2026 (Renewal of File No. 0028-EX-CM-2026)

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 5.59(a)(2)
AND AMENDMENT TO PENDING RENEWAL APPLICATION**

To: Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology

Sierra Space Corporation (“Sierra Space”) respectfully requests a waiver, under Section 1.3 of the Commission’s rules (47 CFR § 1.3), of the 60-day advance-filing requirement of Section 5.59(a)(2) and submits this request as an amendment to its pending renewal application pursuant to Section 5.65(c)(2). Sierra Space asks that the Commission accept the renewal application as if timely filed, grant the renewal, and permit continued operation pending action.

Experimental license File No. 0028-EX-CM-2206 (Call Sign **WO2XXQ**) expires July 1, 2026. Sierra Space filed the renewal, File No. 0449-EX-CR-2026, on June 23, 2026. Under Section 5.59(a)(2) the renewal was due at least 60 days before expiration by May 2, 2026, and under Section 1.62 a station may continue operating past expiration only if a timely renewal is pending. By email dated June 26, 2026, the Experimental Licensing Branch advised that the renewal was untimely and recommended a waiver under Sections 1.3 and 5.65(c)(2). This filing responds to that recommendation.

Good cause exists for the waiver. Under Section 1.3, the Commission may waive its rules for good cause, which is shown where special circumstances warrant a deviation and the public interest is better served by waiver than by strict adherence. Both are present. The late filing arose from circumstances outside Sierra Space’s control: in February 2026, Sierra Space filed a modification application (File No. 0028-EX-CM-2206) to add a location to an existing license which is commonly a routine change involving no new systems and reasonably expected it to be granted well before expiration. The required FCC and NTIA coordination, however, took far longer than anticipated, and the modification was not granted until June 2026. At Commission staff’s request, Sierra Space then filed this renewal on June 23, 2026, within approximately one day of being asked. The compressed schedule left no opportunity to file 60 days before expiration; the delay reflected the time required for interagency coordination, not any lack of diligence.

Grant of the waiver serves the public interest. The renewal continues the operation as most recently authorized, with no changes to frequencies, power, emissions, antennas, or equipment. The only recent change the added location was coordinated and granted by the Commission in June 2026, so its substantive review is current and only the timing of the filing is at issue. The station operates on an unprotected, non-interference basis, has caused no harmful interference, and supports an important, ongoing program. A brief, technical filing delay should not interrupt that operation where strict adherence would yield no offsetting benefit.

Accordingly, Sierra Space respectfully requests that the Commission (1) waive the 60-day filing requirement of Section 5.59(a)(2) for good cause under Section 1.3; (2) accept the renewal application (File No. 0449-EX-CR-2026) as if timely filed; (3) grant the renewal; and (4) authorize continued operation of the station pending Commission action.

Respectfully submitted,

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