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VOLUNTEERS IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Via Federal Express

Federal Communications Commission
Equipment Approval Services
P.O. Box 358320
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5320

Re: Volunteers in Technical Assistance
FCC File No. S-3146-EX-97, Call Sign KE2XFI

Dear Sir or Madam:

Volunteers in Technical Assistance ("VITA") hereby requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to use the above-referenced experimental earth station to communicate with the Portuguese consortium satellite known as POSAT-1.¹ Authority is requested for 180 days from the date of grant of this request. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$45.00 to cover the requisite FCC filing fee.²

The subject earth station is used as part of an overall experimental program designed to foster basic infrastructure development and self-sufficiency in developing nations. Following the failure of the UoSat-3 satellite, which VITA had been using for communications with the subject earth station, VITA arranged to maintain service to the organizations that depend on it through an arrangement with the Portuguese consortium Consortio SAT, which operates POSAT-1. Grant of the requested STA, therefore, will enable VITA to continue its humanitarian efforts.

The technical specifications of the proposed service are as follows:

<u>Center Freq.</u>	<u>Authorized Pwr.</u>	<u>Emission Designator</u>
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¹ VITA has previously been granted STA to operate KE2XFI in the manner described in this application. The instant STA request is identical in technical and operational details to VITA's last request for STA, identified by the above-referenced file number.

² Although VITA's VITASAT-1R satellite was launched in September 1997, service on the satellite has not commenced, and VITA has a continuing need for access to POSAT-1.

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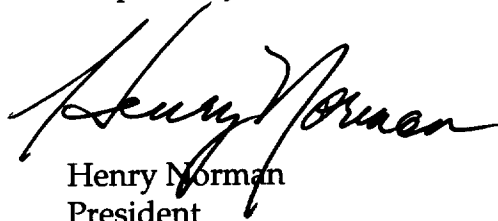
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Uplink A	148.285 MHz 800 W (ERP)	20K0F1D
Uplink B	148.585 MHz 800 W (ERP)	20K0F1D
Uplink C	148.925 MHz 800 W (ERP)	20K0F1D
Downlink A	429.520 MHz	
Downlink B	429.880 MHz	
Downlink C	429.940 MHz	
Downlink D	429.950 MHz	

VITA certifies that no party to this request is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

Please date-stamp the enclosed copy marked "S&R", and return it in the self-addressed envelope provided. Any questions with respect to this matter should be directed to Joseph A. Godles, Esq., Goldberg, Godles, Wiener & Wright, (202) 429-4900, counsel for VITA.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry Norman
President
Volunteers in Technical Assistance

cc: Joseph A. Godles, Esq.
Carl Huie, FCC
Stephen Goodman, Esq.,
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