

Exhibit 1

The parties to this application seek Commission consent to the assignment of the Experimental Radio Service licenses held by Western Atlas International, Inc. (WAI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Baker Hughes, Incorporated (BHI) into a joint venture with Schlumberger Technology Corporation (STC) to be named "Western Geco Holdings, L.L.C." ("Assignee"). The parties propose that by year-end 2000, upon grant of Commission approval, STC and BHI will assign the Experimental Radio Service licenses and equipment of WAI to a newly-formed limited liability company, to engage in surface seismic data acquisition and data processing. The limited liability company has been formed under the laws of the State of Delaware for the United States operations, and is owned directly or indirectly 70 percent by STC and 30 percent by BHI.¹ The proposed merger of these operations will allow the parties to achieve economies of scale that will enable the more efficient and effective identification of valuable mineral deposits (including oil), thereby increasing productivity and lowering costs for the industry and their customers. Given the current volatility in the energy marketplace and resulting increased costs for consumers, the accurate identification of oil deposits is an important public interest activity.

In response to Item #14, Assignee is in the process of obtaining an interest in several FCC licensed radio stations, pursuant to the transaction described above. Assignee will hold those licenses that are being assigned to it from WAI and STC. A list of these licenses is included as Attachment A hereto. As noted therein, Assignee is simultaneously applying to reauthorize in its name several Ship stations currently licensed to WAI.

In response to Item #17, Assignee is owned directly or indirectly 70 percent by STC and 30 percent by BHI. Since STC holds a 70 percent interest in Assignee, in response to Item #18, STC is the controlling corporation. Its address is 300 Schlumberger Drive, Sugar Land, Texas 77478. STC is organized under the laws of the state of Texas, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger Ltd. ("Schlumberger"), a Netherlands Antilles corporation, 277 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10172. The latter is a publicly traded company. No shareholder owns a 10 percent or greater interest. While more than one-fourth of the stock of Schlumberger is owned by foreign citizens, no single shareholder or foreign government is in a position of control. A list of Schlumberger's foreign officers and directors is included as Attachment B. Because the subject licenses are not broadcast, MDS or common carrier licenses, the foreign ownership restrictions of Section 310(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended do not apply.

In response to Item #21, Assignee is an LLC in which the assignor (WAI) holds an indirect 30 percent interest, through its parent company BHI. Therefore, assignor will no longer control the licensed stations. A copy of the agreement implementing the proposed LLC is included as Attachment C hereto. In response to Item #23-24, the subject Experimental Radio Service stations are constructed

¹ STC and BHI have formed the LLC, and have assigned certain of their licensed operations to the new entity, pursuant to grant of special temporary authority or conditional temporary authority by the Commission. STC and BHI shall transfer or cause to be transferred into similar ventures, their respective overseas surface seismic data acquisition and data processing operations.

and operational, and therefore the Assignee will not face significant costs in connection with its ownership of these stations. Assignee is controlled by STC, which in turn is owned by a large, publicly traded company that has the financial wherewithal to operate the subject stations. It will not be necessary to sell stock for the purpose of raising money to construct or operate the stations.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that a grant of Commission consent to the assignment of authorization application for these stations is in the public interest by allowing for the continued use of the subject radios in connection with important seismic data collection operations.