

Explanatory Statement

This license application is part of a set of new earth station license applications filed by Encompass Digital Media, LLC (“Encompass”) through its licensee subsidiary BFI Licenses, LLC (“BFI”) in support of the transition of a customer’s existing teleport services to Encompass as part of an “earth-station-as-a-service” arrangement. As part of this agreement, the parties have arranged for the migration of the customer’s existing teleport services to Encompass. To facilitate a timely transition in advance of final action on this application – and to avoid any interruption in services across the migration of teleport operations – BFI is also contemporaneously filing a request for special temporary authority (“STA”) to allow use prior to grant for a period of 180 days. *See* Description in Form 312. BFI and Encompass respectfully requests that the Space Bureau process the concurrently filed STA request pursuant to Section II of the Space Bureau’s expedited processing procedures for 180-day STA applications¹ and grant the STA as soon as possible, and in any event no later than June 29, 2026.

Encompass through BFI is currently the licensee of several large teleports throughout the United States providing services similar to those to be maintained at the facility subject to this application. These include facilities in Atlanta, GA (Call Signs E8634, E040226, E060398, E060436, E060437, and E070011), Lino Lakes, MN (Call Signs E4394, E910483, E940299 and E940300), and Stamford, CT (Call Signs E4730, E940242, E940243, E940244, E970061, E970068, E970070, E020201, and E120069). Accordingly, Encompass has established experience in operating such facilities and BFI is a licensee in good standing with the FCC. Grant of the authority requested is therefore in the public interest as it will allow an experienced operator to continue to provide needed uplink services at this site.

Included with this application is a radiation hazard assessment for the facilities to be licensed. A coordination report is in process on an expedited basis through Comsearch for each of the C-band facilities being sought and these reports will be submitted as supplements to these applications as soon as they are completed.

¹ *Space Bureau Announces Temporary Expedited Processing Procedures for Earth Station Applications Seeking Special Temporary Authority*, Public Notice, DA 25-207 at 3 (SB Mar. 10, 2025) (confirming that the placement of a 180-day STA application and associated application for regular authorization on public notice simultaneously meets the public notice requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 25.120 and that Bureau “will deem granted these 180-day STA applications at the time they are placed on public notice”); *see also Space Bureau Announces One Year Extension of Temporary Expedited Processing Procedures for Earth Station Applications Seeking Special Temporary Authority*, Public Notice, DA 26-192 (SB Feb. 26, 2026) (extending “the current temporary expedited processing procedures and associated waivers of the Commission’s procedural rules” announced in DA 25-207 until March 10, 2027).