

**GENERAL COMMUNICATION CORP.
EXHIBIT 1
TEMPORARY FIXED STA REQUEST
SUBMISSION ID IB2003001733**

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Rules, GCI requests Special Temporary Authorization to operate the earth station that is the subject of pending application filed on September 2, 2003, submission ID IB2003001733. GCI respectfully submits that grant of the instant STA request is warranted under the unique circumstances described herein.

The earth station is being deployed at the request of the United States Department of Defense (DoD) in support of its Strategic Target System (STARS) program. DoD has determined that it will commence test firing of STARS missiles from their Kodiak Launch Facility located in the Gulf of Alaska on September 8, 2003. Part of the test entails tracking the trajectory of the missiles for complete study by the military. Based on the expected missile trajectory calculated by the military, operation of the instant earth station to be located in King Salmon, Alaska is required to satisfy this tracking requirement.

GCI seeks authority to commence operating the station in time for the anticipated September 8, 2003 launch date. Given the national security interests associated with the operation of the earth station and the priority the federal government has placed on the STARS program and our national defense systems, including the instant testing schedule, construction and operation of the instant earth station under this timetable will serve the public interest.

In addition, GCI has confirmed that operation of the earth station in advance of the application grant is not likely to cause harmful interference. A frequency coordination has already been conducted for the earth station in the planned location. Finally, GCI anticipates that the earth station will only be in operation for 90-180 days. Any delay in the commencement of such temporary operations would be contrary to the public interest in the short-lived, but essential operation of the facility. Under these circumstances, therefore, grant of the STA is appropriate.