

APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
WBAL fixed earth STA pending license grant

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3. Reference File Number SESLIC2003082501162

4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?

- If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R.Section 1.1114).
 Governmental Entity Noncommercial educational licensee
 Other(please explain):

4b. Fee Classification CGX – Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station

5. Type Request

- Use Prior to Grant Change Station Location Other

6. Requested Use Prior Date
09/30/2003

7. CityBaltimore

8. Latitude
(dd mm ss.s h) 39 20 6.0 N

9. State MD	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 76 39 3.0 W
11. Please supply any need attachments. Attachment 1: Attachment 2: Attachment 3:	
12. Description. (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> Applicant respectfully requests STA to commence operations of its transmit/receive fixed earth station prior to a license grant in FCC File No. SES-LIC-20030825-01162 (filed August 25, 2003). In support of its request, Applicant submits that its new earth station will be the new dedicated uplink for the Washington, D.C. news bureau for Applicant's </div>	
13. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application"; for these purposes. <div style="text-align: right;"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </div>	
14. Name of Person Signing Jonathan C. Mintzer	15. Title of Person Signing Secretary
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12. Description

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