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August 4, 2004

Thomas Van Wazer  
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1501 K Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Application for Special Temporary Authority (STA),  
dated July 28, 2004. Call Sign: E040317; File No. SES-STA-20040728-  
01076.

Dear Mr. Van Wazer:

This is in response to the application filed by WPIX, Inc. on July 28, 2004, seeking Special Temporary Authority (STA), in the Fixed Satellite Service, to operate Temporary-Fixed (Transportable) earth station facilities in (a) Boston, Massachusetts, for coverage of the Democratic National Convention; and in (b) New York City, New York, for coverage of the Republican National Convention. WPIX, Inc. also filed with the FCC, on July 21, 2004, an application for a new permanent authorization of a Temporary-Fixed (Transportable) earth station, designated as File Number SES-LIC-2004072301042. This application is pending.

Our review of the STA indicates that the major parameters that will be used to support the Temporary-Fixed earth station in New York consists of: (1) transmitter: frequency bands 14.0 – 14.5 GHz (uplink) and 11.7 – 12.2 GHz (downlink) and transmitter gain 43.5 dBi; (2) antenna: 1.2-meter diameter and power at antenna flange 108.87 watts; and (3) ALSAT point-of-communication.

We have reviewed WPIX, Inc.'s request and find that the proposal to cover the Republican National Convention in New York City would serve the public interest and convenience. Thus, we hereby grant WPIX Inc.'s request for Special Temporary Authority to operate in New York City for purposes of covering the Republican National Convention. We leave aside WPIX Inc.'s request to cover the erstwhile Democratic National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. This decision is made in light of the obvious fact that the Democratic National Convention has passed and therefore our ability to act on such matter is moot. We note that WPIX Inc.'s apparent coverage of the

Democratic National Convention was conducted without having obtained the requisite prior authority from the FCC, an apparent violation of FCC Rules and Regulations. As such, this apparent violation will be referred to the FCC's Enforcement Bureau for action.

Again, the STA granted herein is for coverage of the Republican National Convention in New York City only. Such authority is granted for a sixty-day period, beginning August 4, 2004 and ending October 5, 2004. This STA is granted without prejudice to any enforcement action the FCC may deem appropriate for the apparent violation(s) of its Rules, and without prejudice to whatever action the FCC may take with respect to WPIX, Inc.'s underlying pending application for permanent authorization.

In the event you should have questions about this matter, please call the undersigned, at (202) 418-0730.

Sincerely,

Frank Peace, Jr.  
Senior Engineer