

APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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L3 Communications, Interstate Electronics Corporation
Request for Extension of STA
Earth Station E020160

L3 Communications Interstate Electronics Corporation ("IEC"), pending applicant for a new Ku-Band VSAT network, *see* FCC File No. SES-LIC-20020611-00939, hereby seeks an extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") previously granted to IEC to operate the VSAT network while the above-referenced application remains pending. *See* FCC File No. SES-STA-20060110-00023. The facilities are being used by the United States Navy in connection with its Trident Missile Flight Test Program. The STA has allowed for continued improvements on this sea-based leg of the triad of American strategic deterrent forces, and is helping to set the basic communications parameters and long term availability statistics.

As noted in the previously authorized grants, the public interest would be well served by this STA request. With the continued need for military vigilance, testing and operations of the IEC VSAT network will help the United States Navy remain at the forefront of technological developments and provide the rapid response necessary in military application.

Therefore, acting favorably on this request will allow for the use of telecommunications to provide for an improved national defense in an efficient and orderly manner.