

APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:  
STA Renewal

1. Applicant

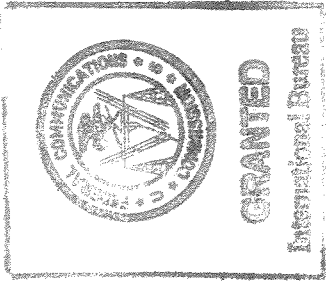
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| Attention: | Mr Jaime Dickinson         |               | -            |

*"Conditions Attached"*

File # SES-STA-20070516-00665

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Attachment

Operating Conditions:

Special Temporary Authority (STA) is hereby granted 180 days.

STA is hereby granted on a Non-Common Carrier basis.

STA is hereby granted without prejudice to the underlying applications of SES-MFS-20041206-01790, SES-AFS-20050114-00050, SES-AFS-20060324-00505 and SES-AFS-20061006-01814.

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| <b>2. Contact</b>   |                       |                      |                         |
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| <b>Company:</b>   | Bingham McCutchen LLP | <b>Fax Number:</b>   | 202-373-6001            |
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| <b>Attention:</b>   | Mr. Troy Tanner       | <b>Relationship:</b> | Legal Counsel           |
| (If your application is related to an application filed with the Commission, enter either the file number or the IB Submission ID of the related application. Please enter only one.) |                       |                      |                         |
| 3. Reference File Number SESSTA2006120602102 or Submission ID   |                       |                      |                         |
| 4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?   |                       |                      |                         |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).                                   |                       |                      |                         |
| <input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee  |                       |                      |                         |
| <input type="radio"/> Other(please explain):  |                       |                      |                         |
| 4b. Fee Classification CGX - Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station   |                       |                      |                         |
| 5. Type Request   |                       |                      |                         |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Use Prior to Grant <input type="radio"/> Change Station Location <input type="radio"/> Other   |                       |                      |                         |
| 6. Requested Use Prior Date   |                       |                      |                         |
| 06/21/2007  |                       |                      |                         |
| 7. CityMiami  |                       |                      |                         |
| 8. Latitude   |                       |                      |                         |
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| 9. State FL  | 10. Longitude<br>(dd mm ss.s h) 80 13 29.2 W                     |
| 11. Please supply any need attachments.<br>Attachment 1: Exhibit 1<br>Attachment 2:<br>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.)<br>Applicant NewCom International requests a renewal of its Special Temporary Authority to operate a transmit/receive common carrier C-band earth station at Miami, Florida using the Express 3A satellite during the pendency of its modification and amendment applications (SES-MFS-20041206-01790, as amended by SES-AFS-20050114-00050, SES-AFS-20060324-00505,                      |  |
| 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"; party to the application; for these purposes. Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |  |
| 14. Name of Person Signing<br>Mr. Jaime Dickinson  | 15. Title of Person Signing<br>President/Chief Operating Officer |
| WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND / OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001), AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION AUTHORIZATION (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).  |  |

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## **12. Description**

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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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**Re: Request of NewCom International for Renewal of Special Temporary Authority to Operate a Transmit/Receive Common Carrier C-Band Earth Station at Miami, Florida using the Express 3A Satellite; FCC File Nos. SES-MFS-20041206-01790, SES-AFS-20050114-00050, SES-AFS-20060324-00505, SES-AFS-20061006-01814, SES-STA-20061206-02102.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

NewCom International ("NewCom" or "Company"), by its undersigned counsel and pursuant to section 25.120 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120, hereby requests that the Commission renew its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate a transmit/receive common carrier C-band satellite earth station in Miami, Florida using the Express 3A satellite. This STA renewal request, if granted, would replace the current authorization granted on December 24, 2006 (FCC File No. SES-STA-20061206-02102), which does not expire until June 21, 2007.

The Commission granted a license to NewCom on August 13, 2004 (FCC File No. SES-LIC-20040614-00824). NewCom submitted a modification application on December 6, 2004 (FCC File No. SES-MFS-20041206-01790), seeking authority to communicate with the Express 3A space station satellite, and amendments to this application on January 14, 2005 (FCC File No. SES-AFS-20050114-00050), on March 24, 2006 (FCC File No. SES-AFS-20060324-00505), and on October 6, 2006 (FCC File No. SES-AFS-20061006-01814). During the pendency of its modification and amendment applications, Newcom was granted an STA to communicate with the Express 3A on January 19, 2005 (FCC File No. SES-STA-20050112-00038), and this STA has been extended six times (FCC File No. SES-STA-20050209-00164, FCC File No. SES-STA-20050812-01098, FCC File No. SES-STA-20060222-00288, SES-STA-20060324-00506, SES-STA-20061006-01821, and SES-STA-20061206-02102), with the current STA set to expire on June 21, 2007.

NewCom does not seek to modify its underlying antenna uplinking to the Express 3A or any carrier parameters in this STA renewal request. Newcom requests this renewal merely to ensure that it can continue to provide essential services to underserved areas utilizing the Express 3A without interruption. As previously noted to the Commission, NewCom provides Internet access to Empresa de Telecomunicaciones de Cuba SA (“ETECSA”) using the Express 3A space station. ETECSA is the sole provider of Internet access and services in Cuba. As such, ETECSA is responsible for ensuring that vital facilities such as humanitarian organizations, hospitals, schools, industries, and banks have access to the Internet for their many needs. Due to a number of factors, ETECSA has limited earth station resources, and they are devoted solely to uplinking to the Express 3A satellite. In addition, NewCom utilizes the Express 3A to provide Internet access to several West African nations underserved by submarine cable facilities and moderately priced alternative geostationary satellites. In these nations the backbone connectivity provided via the Express 3A supports critical lifeline communications services, including telemedicine applications. These customers also have limited resources, and lack facilities capable of uplinking to alternative satellites.

A disruption in the satellite carriers between NewCom and its remote customers would severely degrade Internet services throughout Cuba and parts of West Africa. As discussed above, NewCom’s customers have limited earth station facilities dedicated to Express 3A, and do not have alternate suppliers that can provide the necessary Internet connections through alternative transmission mediums. Therefore, it is essential that NewCom’s remote customers be able to continue to gain Internet access through NewCom. NewCom is the only U.S. carrier with the necessary contracts in place with Intersputnik, and the necessary earth station facilities to provide this service.<sup>1</sup> If NewCom is unable to continue providing Internet access to ETECSA and its other customers, it will likely result in the loss of many critical Internet services relied upon by humanitarian efforts, hospitals, schools, industries, and banks. The requested authority is therefore necessary, and NewCom respectfully requests an STA not to exceed 180 days to operate its 7.3 meter C-band antenna on Express 3A as described above while the Company’s underlying modification and amendment applications are under Commission consideration.

NewCom acknowledges that grant of this request will not prejudice action by the Commission on the underlying modification and amendment applications and that any authority granted pursuant to this request is subject to cancellation or modification upon notice, but without a hearing.

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<sup>1</sup> NewCom has the necessary OFAC license to serve Cuba.



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As required by the Commission's rules, a filing fee in the amount of \$170.00 is included with this request. Please direct any inquiries regarding this filing to the undersigned at 202-373-6560.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Burt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Troy F. Tanner  
Danielle Burt

cc: Columbia Operations Center (FCC)  
Jaime Dickinson (NewCom)