

APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
STA for E990157

1. Applicant

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With Condition



File # SES-STA-20090723-00911

Call Sign E990157 Grant Date 7/24/09
(or other identifier)

Term Dates
From 7/24/09 To: 8/22/09

Approved: Kathleen Medley
Chief, Satellite Engng Br.

Attachment

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Condition:

This Grant is without prejudice to any future FCC enforcement action against Freedom Broadcasting of Michigan Licensee, L.L.C. in connection with any unauthorized operation of radio facilities.

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(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 or Submission ID

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

7. City

8. Latitude
(dd mm ss.s h) 0 0 0.0

9. State	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 0 0 0.0
11. Please supply any need attachments. Attachment 1: 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; min-height: 100px;">NULL</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. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
14. Name of Person Signing James Lutton	15. Title of Person Signing Vice President and General Manager
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Attachment 1

Request for STA to Operate Earth Station Facility

This application is submitted by Freedom Broadcasting of Michigan Licensee, L.I.C. (“Freedom”) for special temporary authority to operate a transmit satellite earth station.

Freedom was previously authorized to operate such a facility under call sign E990157. The license for station E990157 expired on June 14, 2009. Due to an inadvertent oversight, the renewal application was not timely filed. Freedom became aware of its inadvertent failure to timely seek renewal of the license on July 20, 2009. On July 22, Freedom attempted to file a renewal application but the Commission’s electronic filing system would not accept that application for filing. Freedom has since determined that it must file a *de novo* application for the facility. Freedom is currently preparing such an application for filing and intends to file as soon as practicable.

Freedom hereby requests that the Commission grant special temporary authority for the immediate operation of an earth station with the same facilities as those previously authorized for station E990157 (File No. SES-LIC-19990420-00532) pending filing of, and action on, the application for a new facility. This application does not involve any change in the station’s technical parameters as previously authorized.

Station E990157 was used by commercial television broadcast station WWMT, Kalamazoo, Michigan for newsgathering purposes and to transmit news programming to the WWMT studio. The facility is particularly critical to transmit breaking news stories from areas where the terrain does not permit conventional microwave transmissions. A grant of the requested STA would serve the public interest by enabling WWMT to continue to use the station for such important newsgathering and transmission purposes without interruption while awaiting grant of a permanent authorization from the Commission.