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To: International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Earth Station Applications of TCS
Requests for STA / Requests for Expedited Treatment

Dear Reviewer:

This application is being made so that TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) can comply with a vital disaster recovery / homeland security support contract from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) effective December 1, 2009.

Via competitive bid, TCS has secured the obligation to provide satellite communications services to DHS over earth station equipment owned by DHS – a situation identical to the previous contract that DHS had with the previous licensed vendor, Knight Sky Consulting and Associates (KSC). From a technical perspective, noting will be changing with the earth stations (owned by DHS) except that TCS will be the vendor instead of KSC.

Because there are no technical, environmental, geographic, power, equipment, frequency, or other changes being made to these earth stations, TCS is requesting both expedited treatment of its application(s) and requests for Special Temporary Authority. TCS also asks that because the earth stations are currently operating without objection, that the existing frequency coordination filings be used for the proforma change in licensing occurring with TCS's applications

To assist with the review of TCS's application, the prior KSC licenses are referenced below:

LICENSEE	LICENSE #	FILE #		
Knight Sky Consulting and Associates	E070086	SES-LIC-INTR2007-01058	Earth Station / Fixed Satellite	C-Band (4/6 GHz)
Knight Sky Consulting and Associates	E060261	SES-LIC-INTR2006-01748	Earth Station / Fixed Satellite VSAT System	Ku-Band (12/14 GHz)

DHS uses this system for vital life saving disaster recovery communications, therefore, an expedited review is in the public interest. In addition, as noted above, there are not substantive technical changes from the prior acceptable license applications other than the party as licensee.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of these requests, and please let me know if you have any questions. My contact information is above.

Sincerely,

Kim Robert Scovill
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