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re: STA request for license E050083, Interstate Communications, Inc.

Gentlefolk:

This letter is being submitted as an explanation with a request for Special Temporary Authority to operate outside the licensed parameters for C-band satellite uplink license E050083, licensed to Interstate Communications, Inc. (ICI).

Michael Patton & Associates is an engineering firm providing services to ICI, which runs a state news network from its headquarters located at 10500 Coursey Blvd, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As part of this operation, it operates a C-band satellite uplink facility from that address. Our satellite services provider, SES, is requiring ICI to move transponders (and therefore frequencies) on the satellite we use for our network operations. The uplink frequency SES needs ICI to move to is 6171.5 MHz; the current license authorizes ICI to use frequencies up to 6171.0 MHz.

ICI has engaged the services of the widely-known firm ComSearch to prepare and file an amendment to its license for this uplink; this amendment will be filed forthwith. A copy of the preliminary frequency coordination data showing that the proposed change in transmitted frequency will not cause objectionable interference is also attached to the instant STA request. Please refer to this attachment for all technical data.

SES has made it clear to ICI that their need for ICI to abandon its legacy frequency is both urgent and immediate. Therefore, ICI respectfully requests that Special Temporary Authority to operate its uplink on a carrier frequency of 6171.5 MHz be granted as quickly as possible, and be allowed to continue in force until such time as the FCC can act on ICI's amendment to its license.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this matter. ICI and I thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent issue.

Regards,

G. Michael Patton, owner