

## **REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

Towerstream Corporation (“Towerstream” or “Applicant”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”), hereby requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate its earth station, Call Sign KA306, located in DeSoto, Texas, (“Station KA306”) for a period of 180 days, beginning immediately. For the reasons set forth below, Towerstream respectfully submits that prompt Commission approval of the requested STA is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Towerstream is a Rhode Island corporation with headquarters located at 55 Hammarlund Way, Middletown, RI 02842. Towerstream is a leading provider of wireless 4G high-speed broadband Internet access to business customers in a number of major markets, including: Providence, New York City, Boston, Los Angeles, Chicago, the San Francisco Bay Area, Miami, Seattle, Dallas/Fort Worth, Philadelphia, Nashville, and Las Vegas/Reno. Towerstream’s services provide a low-cost alternative to services provided by large broadband operators such as AT&T and Verizon.

On August 6, 2012, Towerstream discovered that, due to an unintentional and unfortunate administrative oversight, its authorization for Station KA306 expired on March 31, 2012. Towerstream’s failure to file a renewal application was regrettable, particularly in light of the fact that Station KA306 constitutes an important network component for Towerstream’s provision of wireless and data services. Towerstream’s application for reinstatement of its license and “grandfathered status” is currently being prepared and will be filed as soon as practicable. In the interim, Towerstream requests this STA to operate at the same parameters formerly authorized under Call Sign KA306.

### **The Requested Special Temporary Authority Serves the Public Interest**

Commission approval of this STA request would serve the public interest by allowing the continued operation of Station KA306. Without an STA, Towerstream’s ability to transport traffic via its satellite earth station would be permanently disrupted. There is no competing public interest that would outweigh this loss of service. If this STA request is approved, Towerstream will continue to operate under the particulars Station KA306 exactly as previously licensed.

### **Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, Towerstream respectfully requests that the Commission immediately grant the requested STA and approve the operation Station KA306.