

Attachment 1
News 12 Westchester LLC

Application for Earth Station Special Temporary Authority

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

News 12 Westchester LLC (“News 12”), pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.120 of the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”), hereby requests that the Commission grant it special temporary authority (“STA”), for a period of sixty (60) days, beginning on August 1, 2014, to operate a new satellite news-gathering truck with a new transmit earth station antenna (the “Station”), prior to the grant of the application that News 12 recently submitted seeking modified authorization for the Station (IBFS File No. SES-MOD-INTR2014-01505).

News 12 is a 24-hour local news channel dedicated to serving Westchester County, NY. News 12 is part of News 12 Networks, which covers communities in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island, the Hudson Valley, Westchester, Connecticut, and New Jersey. News 12 Networks is the first, largest, and most-watched regional news network. News 12 brings critical and timely information about unfolding events to Westchester residents. Timely access to news is an important way that News 12 helps viewers protect the safety of their life and property. News 12 uses a series of satellite facilities to facilitate the news-gathering process. Fixed temporary earth station facilities like the Station are particularly helpful in providing live feeds of news events.

The Station replaces existing facilities, licensed under call sign E110020, that serve Westchester and provide valuable support to News 12’s existing news-gathering facilities. The Station currently uses a 1.6 meter antenna manufactured by AVL Technologies. That antenna has reached the end of its useful life and the truck on which it is mounted can no longer fulfill its news-gathering mission due to chronic mechanical issues. News 12 therefore proposes to replace it with a new vehicle which will be equipped with a General Dynamics SATCOM 1.5 meter C150M antenna, which will provide better and more reliable service than the existing equipment. As noted above, News 12 has submitted an application for a permanent modification of the license for the Station to reflect the use of the new news-gathering truck, including the new antenna. Because the news-gathering truck and associated communications equipment referenced in the application were prepared and delivered earlier than anticipated, News 12 also seeks authority to operate the Station under STA so that it may begin using the Station for its news-gathering functions as soon as possible. The application for modification has been submitted with relevant engineering demonstrations, including a radiation hazard analysis, ensuring that there will be no negative impact to the public, and News 12 intends to operate under grant of STA pursuant to those parameters. Use of the Station will allow News 12 to more quickly provide viewers with important news and information at the highest levels. Without grant of this STA request, News 12 will not be able to operate at full capacity or provide as complete coverage. The public interest will therefore be served by grant of the STA.

Accordingly, the FCC is requested to issue STA to News 12, effective August 1, 2014, for a period of sixty (60) days, so that it may use its new Station for news-gathering purposes prior to the issuance of a permanent authorization. If there are any questions regarding this STA

request, the FCC is asked to contact communications counsel for News 12, Russell H. Fox of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. at 202-434-7483 or rfox@mintz.com.