

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(1) of the Rules, Applicant WGBH Educational Foundation (“WGBH”) respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (STA) to test and operate a new Domestic Satellite Fixed Earth Station utilizing Ku-Band transmit and receive frequencies with a 4.8 meter antenna. A Form 312 application for permanent license authority was submitted on January 13, 2016, and has not yet been listed as Accepted for Filing (File No. SES-LIC-INTR2016-00122).

The public interest would be served by a grant of the STA because it will permit WGBH to begin to provide essential and up-the minute news coverage for WGBH’s extensive and nationally-relevant public broadcasting viewership while it awaits the grant of the facility’s underlying license application. Toward this end, a grant of STA will also allow the applicant to conduct immediate and necessary radio frequency tests and set the patterns for the antenna so that the facility can go into immediate service while the formal application is being processed by the FCC staff.