

Stephen Hartzell

From: Kathryn Medley <Kathryn.Medley@fcc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Stephen Hartzell; Paul Blais; Anthony Asongwed; Kal Krautkramer
Subject: Re: Hurricane Irma EMERGENCY STA REQUEST for Earth Station Operations (Temporary-Fixed Earth Station)

Dear Mr. Hartzell,

We have received your request and will process it as quickly as possible. Mr. Paul Blais will be handling it. He will contact you if he has any questions.

Regards,

Kathryn Medley
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From: Stephen Hartzell
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Paul Blais; Kathryn Medley; Anthony Asongwed; Kal Krautkramer
Subject: Hurricane Irma EMERGENCY STA REQUEST for Earth Station Operations (Temporary-Fixed Earth Station)

Dear International Bureau Staff:

I represent Hearst Properties Inc., which owns and operates full power television station WPBF in the Tequesta/West Palm Beach area in Florida. As part of WPBF's newsgathering and coverage activity, the station routinely uses a satellite newsgathering van ("SNG van") that is authorized under temporary-fixed earth station license E090044.

Pursuant to *The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, in Coordination with Multiple Other Bureaus, Issues Updated Procedures and Contacts to Provide Emergency Communications in Areas Affected by Hurricane Irma*, Public Notice, DA 17-861 (Rel. Sept. 7, 2017) (the "Irma Public Notice"), this urgent emergency email request, which is being sent at approximately 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time on Sunday, September 10, 2017, is to seek special temporary authority ("STA") to operate a new SNG van (in addition to the SNG van that WPBF currently uses under E090044). WPBF wishes to operate both vans simultaneously in order to provide important local news coverage relating to Hurricane Irma. Thus, grant of this STA would clearly be in the public interest.

Less than two weeks ago, WPBF filed an application (SES-MOD-20170830-00965, a copy of which is attached to this email) to modify license E090044 because WPBF has a new SNG van, whose operating parameters are not identical to the parameters specified in the current version of E090044. The STA we seek is to operate WPBF's new SNG van at the same parameters as those that are specified in the modification application in SES-MOD-20170830-00965.

At present, WPBF still has its "old" SNG van (whose operating parameters are governed by the current version of E090044), and WPBF has just recently taken delivery of the "new" SNG van (whose operating parameters will eventually be governed by the modified version of E090044). In other words, WPBF has two SNG vans but only the current version of E090044. To be clear, in providing Hurricane Irma coverage (including post-storm coverage) WPBF wishes to continue operating its old SNG van under the current version of E090044, and this email seeks to obtain STA to allow WPBF to

also operate its new SNG van (to reiterate, the new SNG van would be operating pursuant to the parameters specified in SES-MOD-20170830-00965).

The technical point of contact for WPBF is Chief Engineer Cliff Thomas, who can be reached by mobile phone at 561-628-0537 and/or by email at ccthomas@hearst.com. Undersigned legal counsel is also available by mobile phone (during non-business hours) at 919-448-6127 or by email. (Undersigned legal counsel is available during regular business hours also at direct dial 919-573-6209.)

Pursuant to the Irma Public Notice, we will follow-up by making an STA filing via IBFS as soon as possible during regular business hours on Monday, September 11.

Finally, I am authorized to represent that the licensee certifies that "Neither the applicant nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862." (The licensee made the same certification in the attached application SES-MOD-20170830-00965 a mere two weeks ago.)

To the extent possible, I would appreciate if one of you would confirm receipt of this email STA request, and please do not hesitate to contact me at any time today or tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best regards,
- Stephen

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