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The International Bureau Announces Procedures to Provide Emergency Communications in Areas Impacted by Hurricane Katrina

The International Bureau announces procedures to help emergency communications services initiate, resume, and maintain operations in the areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina. For additional information, applicants should contact the International Bureau (IB) staff specified below.

Special Temporary Authority (Satellite Earth and Space Stations): Emergency requests for special temporary authority (STA) related to Hurricane Katrina may be submitted by letter, e-mail or, if necessary, telephone. Applicants also may file requests electronically through the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS) at <http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/myibfs/welcome.do>>. All requests should provide the technical parameters of the proposed operation and a contact point. The Bureau will handle all STA requests as expeditiously as possible. Consistent with Section 309(c)(2)(G) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §309(c)(2)(G), the Bureau may grant STAs for up to 30 days.

To ensure that the Bureau has a complete record of the action, applicants who do not file through the IBFS should follow-up the initial request with an electronic version submitted through the IBFS as soon as possible. In this filing, operators should note in the first description field on the electronic STA form that this is a "Katrina-related STA request" and the date the initial request was granted.

Special Temporary Authority (Submarine Cables and International 214s): Emergency requests for special temporary authority (STA) related to Hurricane Katrina may be submitted by letter, e-mail or, if necessary, telephone. Applicants also may file requests electronically through the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS) at <http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/myibfs/welcome.do>>. The Bureau will handle all STA requests as expeditiously as possible.

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