

Petition to Reinstatement and Renew Expired License
and Grant Special Temporary Authority to Operate

Western Illinois University (“WIU”), licensee of Earth Station SES-MOD-20000912-01686, respectfully requests reinstatement and renewal of its transmit/receive earth station license, which expired on June 9, 2009 – only 7 days ago.

To the best of WIU’s knowledge, neither it nor its legal counsel received any notice that its expired license, which was granted 10 years ago, on July 15, 1999, and modified on November 6, 2000, was about to expire. Through inadvertent oversight, WIU’s records did not alert it to the impending renewal deadline, and, hence, WIU neglected to file a timely renewal application.

WIU sincerely regrets its oversight in not filing a timely renewal application, but emphasizes that it caught its mistake only 7 days after the license expired and before it received any expiration notice from the FCC. It has taken steps to ensure that no such lapses happen in the future.

WIU uses its transmit/receive earth station in the conduct of its broadcast activities, and the loss of this station would seriously damage its ability to broadcast its programming to the public. Hence, WIU respectfully requests that its license be reinstated and renewed.

In the meantime, WIU requests that it be granted a SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION to continue use of the station during the pendency of this renewal matter.