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To Whom It May Concern:

The Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of State Police, is seeking Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate some additional VHF frequencies on its newly installed Project 25 digital narrowband VHF trunked system in the first of seven Virginia State Police Divisions. Once granted, these additional frequencies will provide immediate grade-of-service improvements for public-safety first responders who will soon be operating on the upgraded radio network as part of the Commonwealth of Virginia Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) Program.

The STA application represents a smaller subset of a more extensive STARS VHF frequency plan, most of whose frequency pairs have already received FCC license grants during the First Division of STARS implementation. Several of these active call signs are referenced in the STA application. Some VHF frequencies are still in being coordinated through the standard filing processes.

This application for a STA is presented in advance of the standard coordination and FCC application filings due to the planned cutover to the new digital trunked system on January 30, 2006.

Upon final license grant of the other application in progress, we will cancel this requested STA as it will then be totally duplicated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John E. Furlough".

Captain John E. Furlough  
Communications Officer

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