



Administrative Issues / EAS Confidentiality

February 22-24, 2006

TCB Workshop



Permanent Confidentiality

➤ ***Eligible***

- Schematic Diagrams
- Detailed Block Diagrams
- Operational Description
- Parts Lists
- Tune-up Procedures

➤ ***“Optionally” Eligible with Additional Justification***

- Internal Photos (permanently mounted /sealed, not generally publicly accessible)
- User’s Manual (highly technical, not serviceable by consumer; not provided to consumer; provided to consumer based on non-disclosure agreement)



Permanent Confidentiality (cont'd)

➤ ***Not Eligible***

- Test Reports
- RF Exposure Test Reports
- External Photos
- FCC ID Labels
- Attestation Statements
- Cover Letters
- Test set-up Photos
- Correspondence

➤ ***Always Confidential (No Fee Necessary)***

- SDR Technical / Operational Description
- Scanning Receivers (schematic diagrams, block diagrams, operational descriptions, parts lists, tune-up procedures and internal photos)



Short-Term Confidentiality

- ***May be applied to all Exhibits eligible for Permanent Confidentiality***
 - Schematics, Block Diagrams, Operational Description, Parts Lists, Tune-up Procedures
 - Only one confidentiality can be applied per attachment exhibit (i.e. Confidential or Short-Term Confidential)

- ***Additional Exhibits***
 - Internal Photos
 - User's Manual
 - External Photos
 - Test Set-up Photos



Short Term Confidentiality

- Granted for 45 calendar day increments from the date of grant
- Extend within the 45 calendar day period
 - Encourage applicant's diligence in requesting timely extensions
- Maximum 180 calendar days from day of grant (4 X 45 days)
- Release information to the public immediately when marketing begins



Confidentiality Request Process

- **Form 731 – check “Yes” box for Confidentiality Requested**
- **At “Add Attachments” Check All Exhibits Requested**
 - Check only one—Confidential or Short-Term Confidential
- **Upload Justification Letter (Cover Letters)**
 - Letter Dated / Signed with FCCID & TC#
 - List of Exhibits to be held Confidential or Short Term Confidential
 - Justification
 - Reference Rule Parts 0.457 and 0.459
 - State the information has not been made publicly available
 - State reason for request (proprietary, trade secret, etc.)



Post-Grant Confidentiality

- **Confirm with the applicant the need to mark information confidential before grant**
- ***Request made for Post-Grant Confidentiality within 30 days – standard procedure for corrections (TCB responsibility)***
- ***Request made for Post-Grant Confidentiality 30 days or more after grant (FCC must approve) –***
 - Request “audit” mode through easadmin@fcc.gov with justification
 - Upload into Cover Letters
 - Exhibit requesting application (with FCCID & TC#) be put into “audit” mode
 - Justification letter for confidentiality if not already in application
 - Written / dated request with FCCID and TC#
 - Include justification for correction
 - Include documentation from applicant or applicant’s agent of awareness that information has been publicly available



Grantee Code Information Review

- ***Review all Grantee Code information for correctness and completeness***
 - Applicant Name and address
 - Contact Name & Title, E-mail, phone, fax
- ***Contact applicant if in error***
- ***Direct applicant to make changes at EAS Web site Modify Grantee Information***



Form 731 / EAS Changes

- ***New Web form released early January 2006***
 - Scope, Rule Part, and Equipment Class can now be modified by the TCB
 - Enhanced validity checking

- ***FRN validity checks now available between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. except Sunday***