

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Laboratory Division
7435 Oakland Mills Road
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April 28, 2004

AST, Incorporated
4150 Grange Hall Road
Holly, MI 48442
United States

Attention: Jim Soltau

Re: Request for withholding from public disclosure proprietary information
submitted pursuant to an Application for Equipment Authorization
FCC ID: RO4AST-UDI650-00
Equipment Class: Digital Transmission System

Dear Sir or Madam:

Your letter dated March 22 2004, requests that the following information submitted with the application for Equipment Authorization be withheld from public disclosure:

1. Block Diagram.
2. Schematics.
3. Parts List.
4. Operational Description.

This request is made under the provisions of Section 0.457(d) of the Commission's Rules, and Section 552(b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act. These sections authorize withholding from public inspection materials which would be privileged as a matter of law if retained by the person submitting them, and materials which would not customarily be released to the public by that person.

We accept your statement that the material for which confidentiality is requested falls within the scope of Section 552(b)(4) as trade secrets. Under the provisions of Section 0.457(d), the specified material will not be routinely available for public inspection. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Diane Poole at the address above.

Sincerely,

Rashmi Doshi, Ph.D.
Chief, Laboratory Division