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FCC Office of Engineering and Technology  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

SUBJECT: TEMPEST-D cubesat mission (FCC application # 0573-EX-CN-2017)

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Please find details on the TEMPEST-D cubesat mission included below.

Date license is required: **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

LV integration date: **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Launch date: **OA-9 March 2018**

Date for initiation of on-orbit operations: **NET 1 month post launch**

Expected mission duration: **12 months**

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Point of contact who can terminate ALL satellite transmissions if interference is detected.

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Point of contact who can terminate ALL Boulder CO ground station transmissions if interference is detected.

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### Project Description

The TEMPEST-D (Temporal Experiment for Storms and Tropical Systems - Demonstrator) is a 6U CubeSat mission to provide risk mitigation for the six-satellite TEMPEST mission that will provide the first temporal observations of cloud and precipitation processes on a global scale.

These observations are important to understand the linkages in and between Earth's water and energy balance, as well as to improve our understanding of cloud model microphysical processes that are vital to climate change prediction.



TEMPEST-D consists of one of the proposed TEMPEST 6U CubeSats, to raise the technology readiness level of the system to TRL 9 and to demonstrate its measurement capabilities.

The payload consists of a radiometer developed for the failed RACE mission and a High-frequency Airborne Microwave and Millimeter-wave Radiometer (HAMMR) IIP-10 radiometer.

TEMPEST-D is a science mission lead by Dr. Steve Reising at the Colorado State University. The CubeSat bus is built and operated by Blue Canyon Technologies.

#### License Details

The TEMPEST-D mission will utilize a Utah State University provided UHF Cadet radio that will operate at with a 15kHz uplink at 450MHz and a downlink at 467.5MHz with a bandwidth of 3MHz. We are requesting a 47 CFR Part 5 - EXPERIMENTAL RADIO SERVICE license for our uplink at 450MHz per footnote US87 in the NTIA MANUAL OF REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL RADIO FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT which states “US87 - The band 449.75-450.25 MHz may be used by Federal and non-Federal stations for space telecommand (Earth-to-space) at specific locations, subject to such conditions as may be applied on a case-by-case basis. Operators shall take all practical steps to keep the carrier frequency close to 450 MHz”. For the downlink, we are requesting operation between 465MHz and 470MHz which is a secondary allocation for the Meteorological-satellite service (space-to-EARTH) in the Federal Table and as such we expect coordination with NTIA is required. Additionally, per footnote 5.289 “Earth exploration-satellite service applications, other than the meteorological-satellite service, may also be used in the bands 460-470 MHz and 1690-1710 MHz for space-to-Earth transmissions subject to not causing harmful interference to stations operating in accordance with the Table”. BCT is aware of footnote US201 and will insure that the TEMPEST-D power flux-density produced at the Earth’s surface shall not exceed  $-152 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$ .

BCT is requesting temporary FCC authorization to use the FCC-approved GSP-1720 (FCC ID: J9CGSSDVM) to transmit from a space-based location. The GSP-1720 will be operating exactly as was approved during the FCC equipment approval process; it will be using exactly the same antenna, protocols, dynamic power control mechanisms, authentication, have exactly the same emissions characteristics, etc. as if it were transmitting from the earth’s surface.

Additional data required for applications requesting use of federal or shared government frequencies.

Spacecraft: TEMPEST-D

Inclination: 52° [ISS]



Apogee: 400km  
Perigee: 400km  
Orbital period: 1.62h  
Number of satellites in the system: 1  
Number of transmitting satellites: 1  
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Transmitter #1 Cadet U/U

Center Frequency: 468MHz  
Bandwidth: 3MHz  
3dB beamwidth: 100°  
Maximum Antenna Gain: 5dBi  
Polarization: RCP  
Maximum transmit power: 2W  
Modulation: OQPSK  
ITU emission designator: 3M00G2DAX

Receiver #1 Cadet U/U

Center Frequency: 450MHz  
Bandwidth: 15kHz  
3dB beamwidth: 100°  
Maximum Antenna Gain: 5dBi  
Polarization: RCP  
Receiver Sensitivity: -97dBm  
Modulation: FSK  
ITU emission designator: 15K0G2DAX

Transmitter #2 Globalstar GSP-1720 [updated 2/8/18]

Center Frequency: 1615.65 MHz and 1616.88MHz  
Bandwidth: 1.23MHz  
3dB beamwidth: 100°  
Maximum Antenna Gain: 0.5dBi  
Polarization: LCP  
Maximum transmit power: 2W  
Modulation: OQPSK  
ITU emission designator: 1M23G7DAF



Receiver #2 Globalstar GSP-1720 [updated 2/8/18]

Center Frequency: 2483.5MHz to 2495MHz

Bandwidth: 1.23MHz

3dB beamwidth: 100°

Maximum Antenna Gain: 0.2dBi

Polarization: LCP

Receiver Sensitivity: -100dBm

Modulation: unknown

ITU emission designator: 1M23G7DAF

Ground Station #1:

Wallops Island, VA 23337

37 51' 21" N 75 30' 43" W

Altitude above MSL [m]: 4

Antenna height above ground [m] : 18

Elevation: 5-90°

Azimuth: 0-360°

Transmitter

Center Frequency: 450MHz

Bandwidth: 15kHz

3dB beamwidth: 2.9°

Maximum Antenna Gain: 35dBi

Polarization: RCP

Maximum transmit power: 20W

Modulation: FSK

ITU emission designator: 15K0G2DAX

Receiver

Center Frequency: 468MHz

Bandwidth: 3MHz

3dB beamwidth: 2.9°

Maximum Antenna Gain: 35dBi

Polarization: RCP

Receiver Sensitivity: -114dBm @ 1MHz BW

Modulation: OQPSK

ITU emission designator: 3M00G2DAX



Ground Station #2:

100 Satellite Drive Morehead, KY 40351

38° 11' 30.8" N 83° 26' 19.9" W

Altitude above MSL [m]: 350

Antenna height above ground [m] : 25.6

Elevation: 5-90°

Azimuth: 0-360°

Transmitter

Center Frequency: 450MHz

Bandwidth: 15kHz

3dB beamwidth: 2.6°

Maximum Antenna Gain: 32dBi

Polarization: RCP

Maximum transmit power: 50W

Modulation: FSK

ITU emission designator: 15K0G2DAX

Receiver

Center Frequency: 468MHz

Bandwidth: 3MHz

3dB beamwidth: 2.6°

Maximum Antenna Gain: 32dBi

Polarization: RCP

Receiver Sensitivity: -100dBm

Modulation: OQPSK

ITU emission designator: 3M00G2DAX

Ground Station #3:

2425 55th St, Boulder, CO 80301

40°01'23.8"N 105°13'34.7"W

Altitude above MSL [m]: 1600

Antenna height above ground [m] : 4

Elevation: 5-90°

Azimuth: 0-360°

Transmitter

Center Frequency: 450MHz



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Bandwidth: 15kHz

3dB beamwidth: 17°

Maximum Antenna Gain: 21dBi

Polarization: RCP

Maximum transmit power: 500W

Modulation: FSK

ITU emission designator: 15K0G2DAX

Receiver

None