

Request for Special Temporary Authority

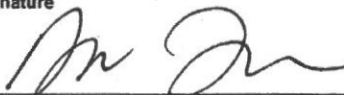
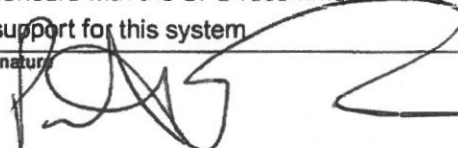
Iridium hereby requests special temporary authority (“STA”) commencing on March 18, 2019, and continuing for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, to transmit from its space stations to Technical Educational Satellite -7 (“TechEdSat-7”) in the 1618.725–1626.5 MHz band.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”) has authorized the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”) to conduct experiments with the Technical Educational Satellite -7 (“TechEdSat-7”) low earth orbit nanosatellite. A copy of that authorization is attached hereto. In connection with these experiments, NASA will operate an Iridium satellite phone that it will host on TechEdSat-7. The satellite phone will transmit from TechEdSat-7 to space stations in Iridium’s “Big LEO” constellation.¹ The transmissions will, among other goals, utilize Iridium’s constellation as a tracking and data relay system.

Iridium seeks an STA for transmissions in the reverse direction, from its satellites to TechEdSat-7.² There will be no change during the experiment in the operating parameters of Iridium’s space stations, which are licensed as Part 25 space stations under Call Sign S2110. For this reason, no operating parameters, other than effective radiated power, are used in the form that this exhibit accompanies. The only change for which Iridium seeks an STA is adding TechEdSat-7 as a point of communication. Iridium’s Part 25 space station license does not cover space-to-space communications.

¹ The form that this narrative accompanies states that two satellite phone units will be used. This statement reflects the fact that there will be a primary unit and a back-up unit. But only a single unit will be operational at any given time.

² Iridium’s constellation is comprised of 66 satellites, any one of which may be used as part of the experiment at any point in time.

FORM NTIA-44 (3/91)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION			Classification UNCLASSIFIED		Control Number Doc. 43134/1 SPS-22153/1	
CERTIFICATION OF SPECTRUM SUPPORT								
Recipient Agency NASA		System Technical Education Satellite-7 (TechEdSat-7) Mission				Stage of Review 2 – Experimental		
Section 1: OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS FOR WHICH SUPPORT IS CERTIFIED								
Frequency (MHz)	Emission	Mean Power (W)	Station Class (Stage 2)	Transmit Locations	Receive Locations			
1618.725 - 1626.5	41K7Q7W	1	XT	Space	Space			
Section 2: SOURCE DOCUMENTS								
Docket Number SPS-22116/1	Description of Document NASA Request for Stage 2 System Review					Dated November 23, 2016		
Section 3: SPECTRUM PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (SPS) RECOMMENDATIONS								
<p>The SPS reviewed this system under the provisions of Chapter 10 of the NTIA Manual, noting that this system will not advance to Stage 4 and the RF characteristics are identical to TechEdSat-5 (SPS-21887/2 and SPS-22120/1), and recommends that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NTIA certify Stage 2 spectrum support for the Technical Education Satellite-7 (TechEdSat-7) Mission as specified in Section 1. 2. NASA be aware that operations of this system are limited for a duration of 3-6 months from the date of frequency assignment. 3. NASA be aware that operations of this system using the frequency band 1618.725 - 1626.5 MHz in the space research service are to be conducted on an unprotected, noninterference basis in accordance with Section 8.2.40 of the NTIA Manual. 4. NASA ensure that this system is equipped with the ability to turn on or to provide immediate cessation of emission by telecommand in accordance with Section 8.2.32 of the NTIA Manual. 5. NASA be aware that coordination with Iridium is required for use of the frequency band 1618.725 - 1626.500 MHz, and that operation of this system is contingent upon Iridium successfully obtaining authorization from the FCC. 6. NASA submit a request that NTIA waive the ITU international registration requirement to the Space Systems Subcommittee (SSS) in accordance with Section 3.3.1.2 of the NTIA Manual. 7. NASA protect personnel from radiation levels that exceed generally accepted exposure criteria. 								
Name/Title of Recommending Official Binyam Tadesse SPS Vice Chairperson		Signature 				Date DEC 14 2016		
Section 4: NTIA CERTIFICATION								
<p>The Office of Spectrum Management concurs with the SPS recommendations in Section 3. This office certifies Stage 2 spectrum support for this system</p>								
Name/Title of Certifying Official Peter A. Tenhula Deputy Associate Administrator		Signature 				Date DEC 14 2016		
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