

**O3b Networks**  
**Application for Experimental License to Operate Earth Stations Manufactured by AvL**

**Narrative Statement**

**(1) Name, address, phone number (also e-mail address and facsimile number, if available) of the applicant.**

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**(2) Description of why an experimental license is needed**

O3b is a satellite startup with a unique non-geostationary satellite (“NGSO”) system<sup>1</sup> that orbits the earth in a medium earth orbit 8,062 km above the earth. The system uses high powered spot beams to transmit communications between earth station terminals and O3b’s satellites. Because O3b’s system architecture differs from that of other satellite operators, manufacturers are developing earth stations to suit the O3b system. O3b and potential customers are in the process of determining which applications the system may be able to support.

AvL is developing a microwave antenna technology for the O3b system that could significantly improve performance and lower costs in commercial deployments. Grant of this license will allow O3b to test the new AvL terminals with O3b’s NGSO system.

O3b needs to conduct tests on a regular basis to evaluate the performance characteristics of earth station equipment that has been developed for use with its satellite system and to determine whether these earth stations can support applications of potential interest to defense, energy and maritime interests in the government and commercial sectors. In order to facilitate these tests and to reduce the administrative burden on the Commission, O3b seeks an experimental license to cover these operations.

**(3) Description of the operation to be conducted and its purpose**

O3b Networks seeks experimental authority to test the earth stations that are identified below and to evaluate their capabilities from fixed locations throughout the contiguous United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The tests will enable O3b to evaluate the performance characteristics of the earth stations and to determine whether they can support applications of potential interest to defense, energy and maritime interests in the government and commercial sectors.

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<sup>1</sup> The FCC has granted market access to the O3b 12 satellite constellation. See O3b Limited, Call Sign S2935, File No. SAT-LOI-20141029-00118 (granted Jan. 22, 2015) (“O3b PDR”).



For all operations, O3b will comply with the radiofrequency radiation exposure limits in 47 C.F.R. 1.1310 and apply the measures recommended in the FCC's OET Bulletin 65 to ensure compliance.

**(10) Emission designator (see §2.201 of this chapter) or describe emission (bandwidth, modulation, etc.)**

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**(11) Overall height of antenna of antenna structure above the ground (if greater than 6 meters above the ground or an existing structure, see part 17 of this Chapter concerning notification to the FAA).**

The overall height of the antennas above ground level and above existing structures will not exceed 6 meters.

Exhibit 1: Directional Antenna Information

	AvL .85m	AvL 2.4m
Is a directional antenna (other than radar) used?	Yes	Yes
Width of the beam in degrees at the half power point	.84 deg	.30 deg
Orientation in horizontal plane (degrees)	Azimuth sweep range is from 230 deg. to 130 deg.	Azimuth sweep range is from 230 deg. to 130 deg.
Orientation in vertical plane (degrees)	Elevation will vary from 15 deg. up to 33 deg. across the pass	Elevation will vary from 15 deg. up to 33 deg. across the pass