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FCC Office of Engineering and Technology
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SUBJECT: CU-E3 cubesat mission (FCC application # 0086-EX-CN-2021)

Please find details on the CU-E3 cubesat mission included below.

Date license is required: March 1st, 2021

Spacecraft Delivery Date: March 5th, 2021

Launch date: NASA Artemis-1 September 18th, 2021

Date for initiation of on-orbit operations: September 18th, 2021

Expected mission duration: 12 months base

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Project Description

The University of Colorado Earth Escape Explorer CubeSat (CU-E3) will have a 1-year mission lifetime and plans to launch in September 2021 on the NASA Artemis-1 mission. The mission goal is to train and educate students while demonstrating the ability to communicate with a cubesat in Deep Space using commercial assets. CU-E3 is part of the NASA Cube Quest Centennial Challenge (CQC) Deep Space Derby, a deep-space communication technology demonstration competition. The University of Colorado Boulder was selected through a competitive process to be one of 13 CubeSats launching on the Artemis-1 mission into Deep Space. CU-E3 will be deployed into a heliocentric, Earth trailing orbit at an average distance from Earth greater than 3 million kilometers. CU-E3 shall focus on downlinking CQC data packets to earn monetary prizes associated with the Deep Space Derby. Students at the University of Colorado will operate CU-E3 using commercial ground station assets. The Blue Canyon Technologies XB-1 are the core avionics of the CU-E3 bus supplemented with a University of Colorado designed and built communications and power system. The uplink at 5182MHz is down converted to UHF and received by the AstroDev Li-2. The downlink at 8447MHz is achieved by the University of Colorado designed XACT Communication system.

License Details

The CU-E3 mission plans to operate uplink at 5182MHz in the fixed satellite service and a downlink at 8447MHz in the Deep Space segment of the Space Research Service. (see attached coordination letter).

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

Spacecraft: CU-E3

Non-geostationary satellite [Deep Space]

Inclination: Equatorial

Orbital period: N/A

Number of satellites in the system: 1

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Transmitter #1 (X-band)

Center Frequency: 8447MHz

Bandwidth: 1MHz

Antenna 1: 3dB beamwidth: 8° Maximum Antenna Gain: 22dBi

Antenna 2: 3dB beamwidth: 44° Maximum Antenna Gain: 13dBi

Polarization: RCP

Maximum transmit power: 3W

Modulation: BPSK

ITU emission designator: 1M00G1DCC

Receiver #1 (C-band)

Center Frequency: 5182MHz

Bandwidth: 1MHz

3dB beamwidth: 50° Maximum Antenna Gain: 9.4dBi

Polarization: LCP

Receiver Sensitivity: -110dBm

Modulation: GMSK/BPSK

ITU emission designator: 30K00F1DAT

Ground Station #1:

Brewster, WA

40°00'31.6"N, 105°14'51.0"W

Altitude above MSL [m]: 1588

Antenna height above ground [m] : 3 above roof top.

Elevation: 5-90° (min V00 for UHF and V10 for S-Band) Azimuth: 0-360°

Transmitter #1 (C-band)

Center Frequency: 5182MHz

Bandwidth: 30kHz

3dB beamwidth: 0.5°

Maximum Antenna Gain: 50.3 dBi

Polarization: LCP
Maximum transmit power: 3000W
Modulation: GMSK/BPSK
ITU emission designator: 30K00F1DAT

Receiver #1 (X-band)

Center Frequency: 8447MHz
Bandwidth: 100kHz
3dB beamwidth: 0.5°
Maximum Antenna Gain: 54.3 dBi
Polarization: RCP
Receiver Sensitivity: -120 dBm
Modulation: BPSK
ITU emission designator: 1M00G1DCC