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RE: Astro Digital
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Pursuant to Sections 0.457(d) and 0.459 of the FCC Rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.457(d) and 0.459, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (“FOIA”), and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 USC § 1905, Astro Digital US, Inc. (“Astro Digital”) respectfully requests that the confidential information submitted herewith (the “Confidential Materials”) not be placed in the public file and be otherwise withheld from public inspection.

1. Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

The Confidential Materials consist of a Narrative and an Orbital Debris Assessment Report (“ODAR”) attachments entitled “Astro Digital Q4S Part 5 Narrative” and “Q4S Orbital Debris Assessment Report.”

2. Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

Astro Digital is requesting confidentiality for the Narrative and ODAR, which was submitted in the above-referenced application in order to comply with the Commission’s rules.

3. Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The satellite design parameters, mission profile/schedule, and mission design and development milestones included in the Narrative and ODAR contain non-public methods, processes, algorithms, and physical architectures that are maintained as trade secrets to secure a technical and economic advantage over Astro Digital’s competitors.

Many of these design parameters embody proprietary strategic and design decisions that differentiate Q4S from other proposed satellites. Public disclosure of this information may limit Astro Digital’s competitive offering to current and future customers.

4. Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

The satellite application which Q4S is demonstrating is part of an industry that is nascent and there are a number of market entrants seeking to establish a commercial foothold in this sector. Therefore Astro Digital is entering an emerging competitive market where technical and commercial leadership can be eroded if proprietary information is exposure. As such, Astro Digital requests confidentiality over the details of the spacecraft design, operations, mission profile, and performance that are articulated in the Narrative and ODAR to prevent potential competitors from replicating approaches and diminishes the value of Astro Digital's investments and early mover advantage.

5. Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

The industry of Q4S' satellite application is growing but has not yet achieved at scale. Technical and logistical strategies, such as the ones Astro Digital articulates in its Narrative and ODAR will help Astro Digital develop satellites with this satellite application in the future. Disclosure of Astro Digital's plan could degrade any competitive advantages and disclose novel and efficient satellite design and operation strategies to Astro Digital's competitors. Therefore unauthorized disclosure of the satellite design and mission profile could result in substantial competitive harm.

6. Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

Legal and contractual safeguards subject employees, contractors, suppliers, and partners to confidentiality agreements and Non-Disclosure Agreements that prohibit the unauthorized use or sharing of certain information as required by Astro Digital. Further, employees are trained on confidentiality obligations and secure handling of data. Technical controls, including use of passwords, multi-factor authentication, encryption, secure file storage and sharing, and physical controls, such as locked rooms, visitor controls, and secure disposal, help prevent unauthorized disclosure of information.

7. Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

The information Astro Digital is requesting confidential treatment for is not publicly available. All disclosures to third parties have been subject to a non-disclosure agreement or attorney-client privilege.

8. Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

Astro Digital requests that information in the Narrative and ODAR be maintained as a trade secret should remain protected as long as the information is not made publicly available.



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Based on the reasons outlined above, the Commission should grant Astro Digital's limited Request for Confidential Treatment, thereby refraining from placing the Confidential Materials in the public file and otherwise withholding from public inspection.

Please direct any questions regarding this file to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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