

Stratos Communications, Inc.
IBFS File No. SES-STA-20060310-00419

The request of Stratos Communications, Inc. (Stratos) for special temporary authority (STA) IS GRANTED. Accordingly, Stratos is authorized for a period of 60 days, ending July 11, 2006, to operate up to 5,000 Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN) mobile earth terminals (METs) using the Inmarsat 4F2, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and technical specifications set forth in the Commission's rules and this document.

1. Neither the aggregate uplink EIRP densities in the direction of any other L-band satellite serving the United States, nor the downlink EIRP densities at any geographical point within the United States, shall be increased, above the levels previously authorized in connection with operations using the Inmarsat 3F4 satellite, as a result of the operations authorized by this STA.
2. Operations on the Inmarsat 4F2 satellite shall be on an unprotected basis. Stratos shall not claim protection from, and is required to accept interference from, other lawfully operating satellites or radiocommunication systems.
3. Operations are permitted on those frequencies previously used for authorized U.S. MET operations on the Inmarsat 3F4 satellite, except that operations are not permitted on certain frequencies, made available to Inmarsat by MSV USA and MSV Canada as part of the operator-to-operator coordination process, the use of which is currently an issue pending in connection with Stratos's request for regular authority.
4. Adequate guard bands shall be provided between the band edges of the carriers used by Stratos and the band edges of MSV's operations in order to preclude the possibility of unacceptable interference to MSV's operations.
5. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this special temporary authority is solely at Stratos's own risk.
6. The grant of this STA is not based on a finding that Inmarsat's L-band operations are consistent with operation on a non-interference basis.
7. The grant of this STA is without prejudice to any future determination that the Commission may make as to whether Inmarsat's L-band operations are consistent with operation on a non-interference basis.
8. This STA may be terminated or modified at the International Bureau's discretion, without a hearing, if conditions warrant.
9. Stratos must notify each customer, in writing and prior to initiation of service, that BGAN operations on the Inmarsat 4F2 satellite are pursuant to a grant of special temporary authority that may be terminated or modified at any time.
10. Authority granted in this STA is without prejudice to the disposition of any related applications for regular authority.
11. This grant is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective immediately.

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12. Stratos is afforded thirty days from the date of release of this action to decline this special temporary authorization as conditioned. Failure to respond within this period will constitute formal acceptance of the special temporary authorization as conditioned.