

June 20, 2023

VIA IBFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Orbital Sidekick, Inc.
File No. SAT-LOA-20220325-00035; Call Sign S3139
Request for Informative Public Notice**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Orbital Sidekick, Inc. (“OSK”), by its undersigned counsel, hereby notifies the Commission that, as demonstrated in the attached certification, OSK has satisfied the applicable milestone requirements in Section 25.164(b) of the Commission’s rules for its GHOS^t non-geostationary satellite orbit (“NGSO”) system.¹ Accordingly, OSK respectfully requests release of the surety bond currently on file with the Commission pursuant to Section 25.165(d) by issuing an Informative Public Notice confirming that OSK has met the milestone requirements by or before December, 7, 2028.²

Section 25.164(b) requires NGSO operators to “launch 50 percent of the maximum number of space stations authorized for service, place them in their assigned orbits, and operate them in accordance with the station authorization.”³ Consistent with precedent, OSK has satisfied the milestone requirements for the release of its bond based on its certification that 50 percent of its authorized constellation has been launched, these satellites have been placed in NGSO, and they are operating consistent with the OSK Grant. Thus, OSK respectfully requests the Commission promptly release the OSK surety bond in accordance with its rules.

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.164(b); Orbital Sidekick, Inc., Stamp Grant with Conditions, IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-20220325-00035 (granted Dec. 7, 2022) (“OSK Grant”).

² 47 C.F.R. § 25.165(d).

³ *Id.* at § 25.164(b).



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Please direct any questions concerning this filing to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Weimer".

Brian D. Weimer
for SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP

Attachment

cc: Merissa Velez
Stephanie Neville

CERTIFICATION

1. I am the Director, Space Systems, at Orbital Sidekick, Inc. (“OSK”), the holder of a Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) Satellite Space Station Authorization Grant (“Grant”) for the GHOS^t satellite system (File No. SAT-LOA-20220325-00035; Call Sign S3139). The Commission’s rules and the Grant require OSK to post a surety bond within 30 days of the issuance of the Grant, to be escalated annually until certain milestones are met or the Grant is surrendered. OSK posted this bond on January 3, 2023.
2. Between April and June 2023, OSK launched the first three satellites of the GHOS^t six-satellite constellation. As of June 20, 2023, over 50 percent of the satellites authorized in the Grant have been successfully placed in non-geostationary orbit and are operating in accordance with the Grant.
3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Pete Friedhoff
Pete Friedhoff
Director, Space Systems
Orbital Sidekick, Inc.

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