

Sirius XM Radio Inc., Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization
Related to Emergency Relief Efforts in Haiti, Call Sign S2710

Sirius XM Radio Inc. (“Sirius XM”), by its attorneys and pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 25.120, hereby requests a 30 day extension of the Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) it received on January 18, 2010 related to emergency relief efforts in Haiti.

The January 12, 2010 earthquake in the Caribbean caused tremendous damage to the nation of Haiti, including disabling many means of mass communication. Shortly after the earthquake, Sirius XM began discussions with the Commission’s International Bureau, the U.S. Department of State, USAID, and other entities about how Sirius XM could most productively assist in relief efforts. These discussions resulted in a plan under which (1) Sirius XM would supply satellite radios which the State Department would have delivered to Haiti; and (2) Sirius XM would devote an audio channel on the Sirius network exclusively to emergency communications intended to be received in Haiti. In order to facilitate Sirius XM’s participation in these efforts, Sirius XM requested special temporary authority which the International Bureau granted on January 18, 2010.¹ Absent an extension, that STA will expire today, February 17, 2010.

Despite Sirius XM’s willingness to assist in the earthquake relief effort, the State Department has not yet finalized its logistical plan that would ship Sirius XM’s radios to Haiti and enable Sirius XM to commence providing these emergency communications. However, the need for communicating emergency relief information remains strong and Sirius XM continues to work with the State Department and other entities in the hope that Sirius XM can soon provide a service that would assist the ongoing international relief efforts underway in the Haitian community.

Sirius agrees to continue to comply with the same conditions imposed on its initial grant of STA. In particular, Sirius XM will provide service on a non-protected, non-harmful interference basis. This emergency channel will be made available on the Sirius network using the Sirius FM-5 geostationary satellite at the 96.0° W.L. orbital location. This satellite can provide adequate coverage to Haiti without any change to the satellite’s technical parameters already approved by the Commission. Accordingly, the public interest would be served by granting Sirius XM a 30-day extension of its STA.

¹ See IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20100119-00012.