

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 180 day extension of its Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) 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 to be delivered by the State Department 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 On March 4, 2010, the FCC extended this grant for 30 days, retroactive to February 17, 2010.² Absent an extension, that STA will expire on March 19, 2010.

Due to the time required to coordinate many aspects of the Haiti relief effort—including delays at the State Department regarding the shipment of satellite radios—Sirius XM has not yet commenced service to Haiti. 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 currently underway in Haiti.

Sirius agrees to comply with the same conditions imposed on its initial grant of STA and its previous extension. 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. Furthermore, once this service is commenced, it is anticipated that it will be of continued significance to the Haitian community as the relief effort progresses over time. Accordingly, the public interest would be served by granting Sirius XM a 180-day extension of its STA.

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

² See IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20100217-00028.