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**Via IBFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Sirius XM Radio Inc.  
Request for Extension of 180-Day Special Temporary Authority to Operate  
Six New Low Power Terrestrial Repeaters at Various Locations  
File No. SAT-STA-20090721-00074**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(2), Sirius XM Radio Inc. ("Sirius XM"), a satellite radio licensee in the Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service, hereby requests extension of the above-referenced Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate in its licensed frequency band multiple low power terrestrial repeaters, each of which has an average Effective Isotropically Radiated Power ("EIRP") of 2000 watts. Sirius XM requests that the Commission renew this STA for a period of 180 days or until the Commission issues a blanket license for repeaters used in connection with satellite radio. Absent renewal, this STA is scheduled to expire on April 5, 2010.<sup>1</sup>

Sirius XM is authorized to operate five of the repeaters in connection with the Sirius frequency band (2320-2332.5 MHz) and one of the repeaters in connection with the XM Radio Inc. ("XM") frequency band (2332.5-2345 MHz), pursuant to the STA granted by the International Bureau on October 7, 2009. Sirius XM has not changed technical parameters for

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<sup>1</sup> Because this request is timely, pursuant to Section 1.62 of the Rules, this STA will continue in effect without further action by the Commission until such time as the Commission shall make a final determination with respect to this request. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.62.

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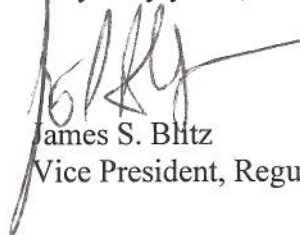
the repeaters since the original grant of the STA and is not herein requesting modification of any of those parameters. Renewing this STA will serve the public interest by allowing Sirius XM to continue to provide a quality signal at to its subscribers at various locations across the United States.

Sirius XM has been permitted to use the repeaters authorized in the above-referenced STA for over 180 days and is not aware of any incidents where the equipment has caused interference to other radio services. Sirius XM emphasizes that the repeaters are all authorized to operate at a power level of not more than 2000 watts. As the Bureau acknowledged in granting Sirius XM's original repeater STA requests, and the WCS licensees have confirmed, operating terrestrial repeaters at an EIRP of 2000 watts or less does not pose interference concerns.<sup>2</sup>

Sirius XM will continue to comply with the conditions the Commission imposed in granting the above-referenced STA to operate the repeaters. These conditions and the technical parameters of the repeaters have provided sufficient protection to other radio services. Therefore, prompt grant of Sirius XM's extension request will allow for the continued reception of the SDARS signal at the various locations authorized in this STA.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



James S. Blitz  
Vice President, Regulatory Counsel

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<sup>2</sup> See *XM Radio, Inc., Application for Special Temporary Authority to Operate Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service Complimentary Terrestrial Repeaters, Order and Authorization*, 16 FCC Rcd. 16781 ¶ 12 (“The comments from WCS licensees express concern about blanketing interference from DARS repeaters that operate with an Equivalent Isotropically Radiated Power (EIRP) above 2 kW.”). Moreover, in March 2007, the WCS Coalition said that it will defer from objecting to STA requests that propose operations of no more than 2,000 watts EIRP, even if they do not specify peak or average EIRP, provided that grant of the STA (i) is conditioned on operation on a non-interference basis; and (ii) is subject to the condition that the issue of peak versus average EIRP will be addressed in the pending DARS rulemaking (IB Docket No. 95-91). See Letter from Paul J. Sinderbrand, Counsel to the WCS Coalition, to Ms. Helen Domenici, FCC, File No. SAT-STA-20061207-00145 (March 19, 2007). Sirius XM agrees to these conditions.

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