

Exhibit A

**Lockheed Martin Corp.
Space Station STA
LM-RPS1 (Call Sign S2372)
April 8, 2010**

Description

Lockheed Martin Corporation (“Lockheed Martin”) hereby urgently requests special temporary authority to operate the LM-RPS1 satellite (Call Sign S2372) at variance from the +/- 0.05 degree station keeping tolerances in both the North-South and East-West directions.¹ LM-RPS1 is hosted on the Galaxy-15 satellite that is operated by PanAmSat Licensee Corp. (“PLC”) at the 133° W.L. orbital location. LM-RPS1 does not have its own TT&C subsystem; TT&C functions for the tracking and maneuvering of LM-RPS1 are performed by PLC under contract with Lockheed Martin.

On April 7, 2010, PLC informed Lockheed Martin that the Galaxy-15 satellite suffered an anomaly of unknown origin. Although the LM-RPS1 payload continues to function, there is a possibility that the satellite will move out of its designated station-keeping box.

Lockheed Martin seeks to continue to utilize the LM-RPS1 satellite as long as operations remain viable. Lockheed Martin will coordinate its operations, as appropriate, and fully recognizes that operations at variance with the LM-RPS1 license are on a non-harmful interference/non-protected basis.

Lockheed Martin requests that the STA sought here commence immediately. The sudden and unexplained anomaly was unforeseen, and is the type of extraordinary event that makes grant of an STA on less than three working days’ advance notice appropriate. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(a). Until more facts are known, Lockheed Martin requests an initial 30-day term for the STA.

¹ Although prior Commission authorization is not required for commencement of inclined (north-south) operations, Lockheed Martin includes this authority in the request for STA because it does not presently have all of the information that Section 25.280(a) requires for a notification of commencement of inclined operations. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.280(a).