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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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XM-5 (Call sign 2786) 30 day STA to conduct performance tests with E000158 and E040204

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**Attachment to Grant**  
**Application of XM Radio Inc. for Special Temporary Authority**  
**IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20110425-00075**

The request of XM Radio Inc. (XM Radio) for special temporary authority (STA), File No. SAT-STA-20110425-00075, to activate the communications payload of its Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service (SDARS) space station, XM-5 (Call Sign S2786), at the 85.15° W.L orbital location for performance testing purposes using the 2332.5-2345.0 MHz (space-to-Earth) frequency band is granted for a period of up to 30 days, commencing on May 9, 2011. Operations under this STA are for the sole purpose of evaluating XM-5's ability to provide replacement capacity in the event of an outage of the primary space stations that it supports and do not include the provision of commercial services. Operations under this STA shall comply with conditions 5, 6, and 7 of the current authorization for the operations of XM-5 at 85.15° W.L., IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20101216-00264 (granted March 8, 2011). This action is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective immediately.

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<input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).	
<input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee	
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4b. Fee Classification CRY - Space Station (Geostationary)	
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6. Temporary Orbit Location	
7. Requested Extended Expiration Date	

<p>8. Description (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>XM Radio Inc. requests authority for 30 days beginning May 9 to activate the XM-5 communications payload in order to conduct performance testing.</p> </div>					
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<p>10. Name of Person Signing James S. Blitz</p>	<p>11. Title of Person Signing Vice President, Regulatory Counsel</p>				
<p>12. Please supply any need attachments.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Attachment 1: Narrative</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Attachment 2:</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Attachment 3:</td> </tr> </table>		Attachment 1: Narrative	Attachment 2:		Attachment 3:
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channel audio service throughout the United States.<sup>3</sup> XM-5 is also equipped with frequencies allowing it to serve as back-up capacity for the SDARS services of XM Radio's affiliate, Satellite CD Radio.<sup>4</sup> The XM-5 license authorizes activation of the satellite's communications payloads only "in the event of a service outage of the XM-3 (Call Sign: S2617), XM-4 (Call Sign: S2616), FM-1, FM-2, FM-3 (Call Sign: S2105), or FM-5 (Call Sign: S2710) space stations."<sup>5</sup>

Immediately following launch, XM Radio performed a series of in-orbit payload tests of XM-5 while the satellite was temporarily located at 80° W.L. to assess the spacecraft's performance characteristics.<sup>6</sup> XM Radio requests authority to conduct additional tests of XM-5's performance now at its operating orbital position in order to be better prepared if a future anomaly in an operating satellite requires activation of the XM-5 satellite.

During the testing period, XM Radio's existing feeder link earth stations in Washington, D.C. (Call Sign: E000158) and Ellenwood, GA (Call Sign: E040204) will transmit to XM-5.<sup>7</sup> Testing will use the frequencies for which the earth stations and XM-5 are authorized, with uplinks in the X-band, 7056.8450-7074.8690 MHz, and downlinks in the S-band, 2332.5-

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<sup>3</sup> See File No. SAT-LOA-20090217-00025 (Call Sign S2786), grant-stamped Aug. 31, 2009.

<sup>4</sup> See *id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*, Attachment at ¶ 2.

<sup>6</sup> See File No. SAT-STA-20100917-00194, grant-stamped Oct. 22, 2010 (authorizing positioning of XM-5 at 80° W.L., testing at that location, and drift to 85.2° W.L. following completion of testing).

<sup>7</sup> These earth stations are authorized to communicate with XM-5. See File Nos. SES-MOD-20101022-01323 (E000158) & SES-MOD-20101022-01324 (E040204), both granted Jan. 4, 2011.

2345.0 MHz.<sup>8</sup> The testing transmissions from the feeder link earth stations will include the authorized modulated carrier or an unmodulated carrier operating at or below the earth stations' maximum authorized EIRP of 78 dBW. In all other respects, the transmissions for purposes of testing will conform to the technical specifications of the earth stations' licenses.

The temporary testing is expected to have no impact on listeners of XM Radio's satellite radio network. Furthermore, the proposed testing will not cause harmful interference to the operations of any other spacecraft. There are no satellites using either S-band or X-band frequencies within two degrees of 85.2° W.L. other than satellites licensed to XM Radio. XM Radio does not share S-band spectrum with other satellite systems (except its affiliate, Satellite CD Radio), and the SDARS downlink frequencies are not subject to two degree spacing rules.

The proposed testing will also not result in harmful interference to regularly authorized terrestrial operations. The feeder link earth stations that will be communicating with XM-5 have been coordinated with terrestrial licensees for the frequencies and EIRP levels proposed for use here, and the coordination arc includes the XM-5 orbital location.<sup>9</sup> XM Radio will not exceed the previously-coordinated parameters during the proposed testing.

For the foregoing reasons, XM Radio respectfully requests special temporary authority for a period of up to 30 days commencing May 9, 2011 to activate the XM-5 communications payload and transmit to the satellite using XM Radio's feeder link earth stations. Grant of the requested authority will serve the public interest by facilitating XM

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<sup>8</sup> As noted above, XM-5 is also capable of operating in the S-band frequencies authorized to Satellite CD Radio, 2320-2332.5 MHz, but no testing of this portion of the XM-5 payload is planned during the period of the requested STA.

<sup>9</sup> See Exhibit B to File Nos. SES-MOD-20101022-01323 (E000158) (eastern limit of the coordination arc is 85.0° W.L.) & SES-MOD-20101022-01324 (E040204) (eastern limit of the coordination arc is 80.0° W.L.).



Radio's ability to better evaluate the performance of the XM-5 space station and will not result in harmful interference to any other regularly authorized operations.

Respectfully submitted,

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