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Via IBFS

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

**Re: XM Radio LLC
Request for Bulk Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Operate
Terrestrial Repeaters at Various Locations for 180 Days,
FCC File No. SAT-STA-20110601-00102**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(2), XM Radio LLC ("XM"), a satellite radio licensee in the Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service ("SDARS"), hereby requests extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate terrestrial repeaters.¹ XM requests extension of the bulk STA grant listed above to operate these repeaters in the XM frequency band (2332.5-2345 MHz) at various locations across the United States, for a period of 180 days or until the Commission issues a blanket license for these repeaters pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 25.144(e), whichever occurs first. Absent renewal, this STA will expire on January 17, 2012.²

The Commission's May 20, 2010 decision adopting formal rules for satellite radio terrestrial repeaters established mechanisms to facilitate the continued operation of repeaters under STA until the new rules were fully in effect, including directing the staff to provide a uniform expiration date for all such STAs. As the Commission explained:

¹ Last year, the FCC authorizations formerly held by XM Radio Inc. were assigned to XM Radio LLC pursuant to Commission consent. *See* FCC File Nos. SAT-ASG-20110617-00111 (granted June 23, 2011), SES-ASG-INTR2011-01952 and 0004771722 (granted June 30, 2011).

² 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.

In order to effect an orderly transition from operations under grants of STA to permanent authority to operate terrestrial repeaters, we instruct the International Bureau to extend all existing grants of STA for SDARS repeaters for a period of 180 days from the release date of this *Second Report and Order*.³

In a footnote accompanying this text, the Commission said:

In the event blanket licenses are not issued within 180 days of the effective date of this Order, SDARS licensees may file applications to extend the STAs for an additional 180 days, or until blanket licenses to operate SDARS repeaters are granted, whichever comes first.⁴

Since XM has not been granted a blanket license to operate terrestrial repeaters, the instant application asks that the Bureau grant this further extension as contemplated in the *Order*.⁵

XM currently operates these repeaters pursuant to an STA granted by the International Bureau on July 21, 2011. During the time the referenced STAs have been operating, XM has not been made aware of any incidents where the equipment has caused any interference to other radio services. XM has not changed technical parameters for the repeaters and is not herein requesting modification of any of those parameters. Renewing this STA will serve the public interest by assisting the Bureau to implement the Commission's directive in the *Order* concerning STA extensions and will enable XM to continue to provide a quality signal to its subscribers at various locations across the United States.

XM will continue to comply with the conditions the Commission imposed in granting the referenced STAs to operate these repeaters. These conditions and the technical parameters of the repeaters have provided sufficient protection to other radio services.

³ Amendment of Part 27 of the Commission's Rules to Govern the Operation of Wireless Communications Services in the 2.3 GHz Band; Establishment of Rules and Policies for the Digital Audio Radio Satellite Service in the 2310-2360 MHz Frequency Band, Report and Order and Second Report and Order, 25 FCC Rcd 11710, at Para. 264 (released May 20, 2010) (the "*Order*").

⁴ *Id.*, note 615.

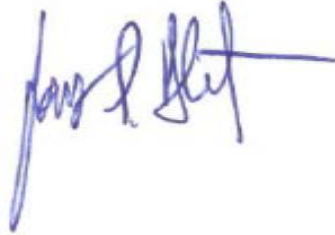
⁵ A similar Request for Bulk STA Extension is being filed for the terrestrial repeater STA grants issued to Sirius XM Radio Inc.

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XM is submitting payment to the Federal Communications Commission in the amount of Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$860.00) -- the filing fee applicable to requests for STAs for geostationary ("GSO") satellites.⁶

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



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⁶ See International and Satellite Services Fee Filing Guide (June 2011).