

EXHIBIT F

DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

(Response to Questions 43 & A21)

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 25.119, Ultisat, Inc. (“Ultisat”) requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission” or “FCC”) assign the earth station licenses specified in Attachment A (“Licenses”) from Ultisat to HNS License Sub, LLC (“HNS”).¹

In 2018, Hughes was appointed by the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organisation (“CTBTO”) to implement, operate, and maintain the third generation of the Global Communications Infrastructure, GCI-III—a global network of nuclear and seismic activity monitoring sites.² CTBTO is an international treaty organization financed by the Signatories of its Member States and tasked with establishing a global verification regime to monitor compliance with the comprehensive ban on nuclear testing. As an international governmental organization, CTBTO cannot hold its own earth station licenses under FCC rules.³

Prior to Hughes, Ultisat operated and maintained the second-generation Global Communications Infrastructure, GCI-II, and, in this capacity, had acquired the Licenses from the FCC for the associated earth station facilities. With Hughes stepping into Ultisat’s shoes for operations, Ultisat now requests authority to assign the Licenses to HNS as part of the transition of the GCI from Ultisat to Hughes. This assignment will serve the public interest by ensuring the continued, uninterrupted operation and maintenance of the GCI, enabling CTBTO to fulfill its treaty mission.

Ultisat requests that the Commission act expeditiously on this application and grant the assignment the Licenses listed in Attachment A from Ultisat to HNS.

¹ HNS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (“Hughes”), which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation.

² See CTBTO, *The Global Communications Infrastructure*, (last visited Apr. 22, 2020) available at: <https://www.ctbto.org/verification-regime/the-global-communications-infrastructure/> (“The GCI is a communication system of truly global character. It connects places distributed all over the globe with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in Vienna and all CTBT States Signatories. The GCI was designed to ensure data transmission from the 337 facilities of the International Monitoring System (IMS) in near-real time to the International Data Centre (IDC) in Vienna where data are processed and analysed. The GCI is also used to distribute the raw data from IMS stations as well as IDC data bulletins to Member States. This very detailed information enables Member States to assume their rights and responsibilities under the CTBT.”)

³ 47 U.S.C. § 310.

ATTACHMENT A

Earth Station Licenses

Licensee	Call Sign	Location	Station Class/Radio Service
Ultisat, Inc.	E160052	Shemya Island, AK	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160053	Sand Point, AK	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160055	Midway Island	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160056	Wake Island	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160057	Central Puna, HI	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160054	Marianna Islands, Guam	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160058	Eilson, AK	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160059	San Juan, PR	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160060	Kodiak Island, AK	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160061	Burrough, AK	Fixed Earth Station
Ultisat, Inc.	E160132	Oahu, HI	Fixed Earth Station