

Narrative

Goonhilly Inc. (“Goonhilly”) and COMSAT Inc. (“COMSAT”) (collectively, the “Applicants”) have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement whereby Goonhilly will purchase teleport facilities in Santa Paula, California, and Southbury, Connecticut from COMSAT. The teleport facilities include earth stations operating on a non-common basis under licenses identified in Appendix A. The Applicants respectfully request approval from the Commission to assign these earth station licenses from COMSAT to Goonhilly.

Parties. Formed in 1997, COMSAT’s parent company, Satcom Direct, offers satellite communications and airborne voice and data connectivity for governments and commercial clients worldwide. COMSAT’s Southbury and Santa Paula earth stations were initially built for the Marisat and the COMSTAR satellite constellations in 1975 and have been in continuous operation since. Today, COMSAT provides U.S.-based earth station services for commercial satellite operators, as well as for customers using bandwidth procured from commercial satellite operators.

Goonhilly provides uplink and broadcast; gateway; telemetry, tracking, and command; carrier monitoring; and other earth station services in the United Kingdom.¹ Goonhilly is also working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to pioneer lunar communications service commercialization, including support for the Artemis I mission (November 2022) and others.²

Public interest considerations. Granting the application serves the public interest. The present assignment will enable Goonhilly to enhance its current slate of service offerings, including satellite Internet, Earth observation and low-Earth orbit operations, and launch and early operations inside the United States, where it has not previously operated. It will also lay the groundwork for future expansion at both sites to support cis-lunar, lunar, and deep space communications for space research service and space operations service communications.

¹ Goonhilly’s Cornwall, United Kingdom teleport has operated for greater than six decades.

² Goonhilly’s ownership information appears in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A
Earth Station Assignment License List

FCC Call Sign
E890649
E930320
E980136
E980137
E990027
E990032
E990034
E990422
KA249
KA304
KA305
KA31
KA312
KB34
WA28

APPENDIX B
Goonhilly Ownership Overview

Goonhilly Inc. is organized under Delaware law and wholly owned by Goonhilly Holdings USA Inc., also organized under Delaware law. Goonhilly Holdings USA Inc. is wholly owned by Goonhilly Holdings Ltd., a UK-organized company and the ultimate parent of Goonhilly Inc.

The following individuals hold 10% or more of the equity and/or voting interest in Goonhilly Holdings Ltd.

Name	Citizenship or Country of Incorporation	Equity and/or Voting Interest Percentage
Hargreaves Family Trust No 10 ¹	United Kingdom	46%
Ian Martin Jones	United Kingdom	37%
Hargreaves Family Trust No 9 ²	United Kingdom	11%

All shareholders can be contacted at the following address.

1209 N Orange Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

¹ Trustees are Peter Kendal Hargreaves, Rose Jane Hargreaves, and Michelmores Trust Corporation Ltd (registered in England and Wales as company # 8005798). All trustees are UK citizens.

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