

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 2055**

In the Matter of)	Call Sign E090152
Application to Assign Earth Station)	File No. SES-MFS-20101216-01551
Licenses from Petrobras America Inc. to)	
Murphy Exploration & Production)	Call Sign E090177
Company - USA)	File No. SES-MFS-20101216-01552

APPLICATION TO ASSIGN LICENSES

Through this license assignment application, Petrobras America Inc. (“PAI”), a subsidiary of Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras (“Petrobras”),¹ and Murphy Exploration & Production Company – USA (“Murphy Expro USA”), a subsidiary of Murphy Oil Corporation (“Murphy Oil”),² seek Commission approval for the assignment of two C-band earth station licenses³ currently held by PAI to Murphy Expro USA.

PAI has entered into a definitive agreement with Murphy Expro USA to form a joint venture company (“JV”) comprised of oil and gas producing assets in the Gulf of Mexico.⁴ The establishment of the JV will be through the contribution by both companies of their current producing Gulf of Mexico assets, with Murphy Expro USA overseeing the operations with an 80% interest and PAI with a 20% interest.

¹ Petrobras is a publicly-held company operating on an integrated basis and specializing in the oil, natural gas and energy industry. Additional information can be found on Petrobras’s website at <http://www.petrobras.com.br/>.

² Murphy Oil Corporation is a global independent oil and gas exploration and production company with offshore production in Southeast Asia, Canada and the Gulf of Mexico, as well as onshore production in North America. Additional information can be found on Murphy’s website at: <http://www.murphyoilcorp.com>.

³ See File Nos. SES-MFS-20101216-01551, Call Sign E090152, and SES-MFS-20101216-01552, Call Sign E090177.

⁴ The commercial operating entity – MP Gulf of Mexico, LLC – is not a party to this application.

Murphy Oil subsidiaries hold numerous FCC licenses,⁵ and Murphy Expro USA is legally, technically, and otherwise qualified to hold earth station authority. The ownership structure of Murphy Expro USA, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Murphy Oil (a Delaware corporation), is set forth in Exhibit E.

Given the ownership structure of Murphy Expro USA, the subject earth station licenses will be assigned from a Brazilian-controlled entity to a U.S.-controlled entity. However, no change in the operation or use of the FCC-licensed facilities is anticipated. Thus, the facilities will continue to provide critical communications connectivity to offshore oil and gas operations.

Network control and monitoring of the earth stations will continue to be provided on a 24/7 basis. An additional point of contact for both earth stations will be:

Rico Del Castillo
Network Supervisor – IT Infrastructure
Murphy Exploration and Production Company
9805 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77024
(281) 675-9349.

Grant of this application will enable Murphy Expro USA to operate the licensed earth stations to support the communications needs of important oil and gas producing facilities. Accordingly, the public interest would be served by grant of this assignment application.

⁵ See, e.g., FCC Universal Licensing System, Call Signs 370M, 560MU, WQTQ485, and WRAC387.