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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: HNS License Sub, LLC, Call Sign E060382, Castle Rock, CO**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, HNS License Sub, LLC (“Hughes”), licensee of a new earth station at Castle Rock, Colorado (Call Sign E060382, issued March 6, 2007), informs the Commission that it has been unable to comply with a compliance deadline in its authorization due to circumstances beyond its control. It accordingly requests temporary relief from the deadline in question as described below.

Hughes applied for authority to establish the earth station at Castle Rock, Colorado as part of its telemetry, telecommand, and control (“TT&C”) system for the soon-to-be-launch Ka-band fixed-satellite service space station, SPACEWAY 3, that is licensed to Hughes’ corporate parent. Recognizing that the station would need to be checked out and validated in advance of the launch of SPACEWAY 3, Hughes included in its application a request for authority to access an existing Ka-band satellite, IA-8 (now known as Galaxy 28). The Call Sign E060382 license authorizing Hughes to access the two spacecraft was granted on March 6, 2007. The license includes Condition 253, which specifies that the “[l]icensee has 60 days from the grant date to submit to the FCC the results of antenna performance verification measurements in accordance with Section 25.138(d) of the Commission’s Rules.” License, Call Sign E060382, at Section H.

After the license was granted, Hughes learned from the operator of Galaxy 28 that the spacecraft would not be suitable for TT&C testing. On April 4, 2007, Hughes filed a request for special temporary authority (File No. SES-STA-20070404-00439) to enable it to conduct the test TT&C operations using a different satellite. Operations commenced pursuant to the STA, which was granted on April 10, 2007. Unfortunately, Hughes experienced a number of testing issues



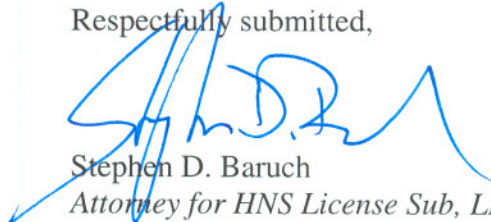
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with the new station that require repairs. These repairs are in the process of being completed and will necessitate an extension of the STA (a request for which Hughes has now filed under separate cover). For purposes of Condition 253 on Hughes' licenses for Call Sign E060382, the result is that Hughes has been unable to gather the antenna data that it was due to provide to the Commission this week.

Hughes intends to respond to Condition 253 as soon as it is able, and requests leave to provide the Commission with the results of the antenna performance verification measurements in accordance with Section 25.138(d) of the Commission's Rules as soon as those results become available to Hughes. Hughes now believes that these results should be available no later than mid-June 2007, and it thus requests whatever leave it may require to submit the information required by Condition 253 on or before June 30, 2007.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions you may have regarding this interim report and request.

Respectfully submitted,



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