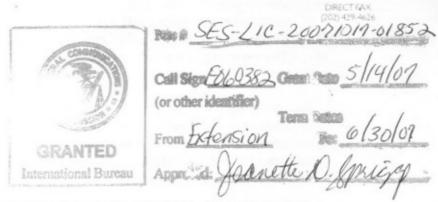


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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554



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 Kaband 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 "[I]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