

Request to Extend Commencement of Operation Deadline

Astro Digital US, Inc. (“Astro Digital”) requests a sixty-day extension, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 25.117, until August 28, 2022 to meet its commencement of operation deadline for the earth station facilities¹ (Call Sign E200948) granted on June 30, 2021.² Additional time is required due to unforeseeable circumstances beyond Astro Digital’s control.³

Astro Digital has completed construction of the earth station facilities and installed all the equipment necessary to commence operations with Astro Digital’s operational satellite constellation.⁴ However, in conducting preliminary testing, Astro Digital has encountered unexpected local interference in the UHF receive frequencies. Further, Astro Digital’s efforts to diagnose the interference issue has been complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impaired the availability of Astro Digital to readily send personnel to the facilities and trouble shoot the interference issue and complete testing. Astro Digital believes that it will be able to resolve the interference issue and complete testing within the requested sixty days.

Because the company has completed construction and is close to commencing operations, Astro Digital submits that the brief extension of time is justified. Further, the public interest would be served by allowing Astro Digital to complete its efforts which would enhance the telemetry, tracking and command capabilities of its satellite constellation and allow Astro Digital to better operate its satellites and service its customers.⁵

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.133(b).

² See Stamp Grant, Astro Digital, IBFS File No. SES-LIC-20200310-00229 (granted June 29, 2021).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 25.117(e)(1).

⁴ See Stamp Grant, Astro Digital, IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20210319-00036 (granted May 28, 2021).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 25.117(e)(2).

CERTIFICATION

I, Chris Bidby, hereby make the following certifications to the Federal Communications Commission.

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Astro Digital US, Inc.
2. The factual information contained in the foregoing Request to Extend Commencement of Operation Deadline is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

/s/ Chris Bidby
Chris Bidby

Executed June 29, 2022