

Petition for Reinstatement of Expired Earth Station License

SageNet LLC (“SageNet”), pursuant to Section 25.163(a) of the Commission’s rules hereby seeks reinstatement and renewal of the license for Ku-band earth stations at its Marietta, Georgia facility¹, Call Sign E860013, which expired on February 18, 2021. As discussed herein, grant of reinstatement is consistent with Commission policies and will serve the public interest by enabling SageNet to continue to provide Ku-band VSAT network services in the United States under this authorization since 1986.

This petition is being filed within the time frame specified by Section 25.163(a), which requires that reinstatement be sought no more than 30 days following the expiration date. The failure to file for renewal in advance of the license expiration was the result of an administrative lapse. Specifically, following SageNet’s acquisition of Spacenet Inc. (“Spacenet”, and the previous owner of the license in question) in 2012,² the tracking of a license that was not set to expire for more than nine (9) years later simply fell off the radar of the SageNet Legal Department. While SageNet did attempt to timely file by submitting its renewal on the FCC’s MyIBFS website³ on February 17, 2021, one day in advance of the authorization expiration date, SageNet personnel failed to properly click on the “File a Form” radio button to complete the renewal filing. It was only on February 23, 2021 that SageNet personnel realized the renewal filing was not completed on-time for Call Sign E860013. Upon discovering the issue, SageNet alerted Commission staff and initiated the process for a special temporary authority for operation of the earth stations.

¹ The SageNet Marietta, GA teleport facility supporting Ku-band VSAT hub services is located at a latitude 33° 55' 41.0" north and longitude of 84° 29' 45.0" west.

² Spacenet to SageNet Transfer of Control filing FCC file number SES-T/C-20130827-00772 was granted in November 2013.

³ Federal Communications Commission MyIBFS website: <http://licensing.fcc.gov/myibfs/>

SageNet has taken several steps to ensure that future renewal applications will be timely filed. The SageNet licenses have been inserted into the master listing of SageNet earth station authorizations, and the list has been shared with additional personnel to provide back-up in the event the primary licensing contact is unavailable. Moreover, SageNet is pursuing approaches to automate the calendaring of renewals to further reduce the risk that a deadline could be missed.

Reinstating the SageNet license Call Sign E830016 will promote the public interest by allowing SageNet to continue to provide and expand two-way VSAT network data communication service offerings in the United States using Ku-band geostationary satellites supporting multiple markets and applications, such as energy exploration, pipeline monitoring, retail transactions, emergency services and back-up restoration of terrestrial broadband services. SageNet's failure to timely renew this license was completely inadvertent. This Call Sign is part of a larger, long-established SageNet teleport complex in Marietta, GA, with multiple antennas operating in the Fixed Satellite Service Ku-band, supporting VSAT network services in the United States for commercial enterprise and government customers.