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Re: Hughes Network Systems, Inc.
Amendment to Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
FCC File Nos. SES-STA-20040126-00158/00159

Dear Mr. Peace:

Hughes Network Systems, Inc. ("HNS") hereby amends its pending request for an extension of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA") pursuant to which HNS is transmitting in the 14.5-14.51 GHz band using the VSATs licensed under the fourteen call signs listed in the original request. See FCC File No. SES-STA-20040126-00158/00159.¹ The purpose of this amendment is to update the call signs that are the subject of this request.

The Commission has recently granted modifications to consolidate certain authorized earth station antennas, including a number of authorizations included in this STA request, into other HNS authorizations. As a result, a number of the facilities identified by the call signs listed in the STA have been subsumed into other licenses, and a new call sign should be added that includes antennas previously authorized under other call signs.

The following call signs have been consolidated into call sign E000166, which is already included in the original STA request:

E880787, E880788, E950472, E881110, E881111, E900192

The licenses for these call signs are being surrendered simultaneously with this request for amendment. Therefore, this amendment deletes these call signs from the STA request.

¹ The FCC's list of pending application only includes FCC file numbers of STA applications of E880787 and E880788. However, the STA request included the following call signs and filing fees were submitted for each: E880787, E880788, E881110, E881111, E890427, E890428, E890628, E890629, E900192, E950471, E950472, E950473, E990170, E000166.

The licenses for these call signs are being surrendered simultaneously with this request for amendment. Therefore, this amendment deletes these call signs from the STA request.

Additionally, HNS requests that call sign E940460 be substituted for the following call signs that have been consolidated into E940460:

E890427, E890428, E950471

The licenses for these call signs are also being surrendered on the date of this request for amendment and are being deleted from the STA request. Instead, this amendment requests that E940460 be added to the list of licenses to which the STA applies.

This amendment does not change any of the technical information of the original STA request. The technical parameters and the antenna sizes that were originally authorized under this STA will remain the same. This amendment is merely an administrative update of the call signs under which the antennas in question are authorized. Thus, the revised list of call signs on Exhibit A for the STA request File No. SES-STA-20040126-00158 is as follows:

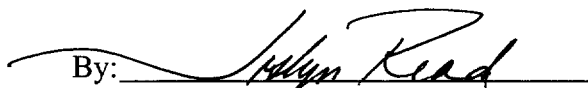
E890628
E890629
E940460
E950473
E990170
E000166

Enclosed are a check payable to the Federal Communications Commission in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the requisite filing fee for these six call signs, and an FCC Remittance Advice Form 159.

For the foregoing reasons, HNS respectfully requests that the Commission extend this STA as set forth in the extension request filed on January 26, 2004. In the event there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact myself of HNS at (301) 601-7226 or John Janka of Latham & Watkins at (202) 637-2200.

Respectfully submitted,

Hughes Network Systems, Inc.

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