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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Attn: Frank Peace, Jr.  
Satellite Engineering Branch  
Satellite and Radiocommunication Division  
International Bureau

Re: Hughes Network Systems, Inc.  
Amendment to Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority  
FCC File Nos. SES-STA-20040630-01026, SES-STA-20040728-01121,  
SES-STA-20040728-01122, SES-STA-20040728-01123, SES-STA-  
20040728-01124, SES-STA-20040728-01125, SES-STA-20040728-  
01126

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 six call signs. The purpose of this amendment is to update the call signs that are the subject of this request.

On September 27, 2004, HNS filed notification of discontinued use and surrender of license for the following call signs, which were included in the STA request:

E890628, E890629, E950473

This amendment therefore deletes these call signs from the STA request. The VSAT terminals authorized under those call signs have been consolidated into the other VSAT networks that remain the subject of this STA.

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

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call signs under which the antennas in question are authorized. Thus, the revised list of call signs for which HNS requests an extension of the STAs is as follows:

E940460, E990170, E000166

In the event there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact John Janka of Latham & Watkins at (202) 637-2200.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hughes Network Systems, Inc.

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