

**Exhibit A**

**HNS License Sub, LLC  
Call Sign E940441  
Special Temporary Authority  
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**Description**

HNS License Sub, LLC (“Hughes”), pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Commission’s Rules, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority to operate its Oklahoma City, OK earth station at the location proposed in Hughes’ pending application for modification of the license for Call Sign E940441 in File No. SES-MOD-20110610-00694 (filed June 10, 2011) (“E940441 Modification Application”). A 60-day “pre-grant” STA is requested, and Hughes requests approval to commence operation under the STA by July 1, 2011 – to avoid any disruption of the important services Hughes provides to its Federal Government customer through its facility licensed under Call Sign E940441.

The earth station licensed under Call Sign E940441 has been operated at its current location for many years. The station is used exclusively by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to distribute FAA training videos to FAA sites around the country. Later this month, the antenna is scheduled to be shut down, dismantled, and reassembled at a new pad site within the campus of the FAA’s Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center where the antenna is currently located. The E940441 Modification Application reflects the new location. Because the new antenna site is more than 10 seconds in latitude or longitude from the current site, prior Commission authorization is required for the relocation.

The FAA has informed Hughes that it intends to have the reassembled earth station back in operation at its new site on July 1, 2011. This pre-grant STA is needed to ensure that there is

no disruption in the FAA video training distribution network during the Commission's processing of the E940441 Modification Application.

There is a clear public and national interest in assuring continuity of operations. If the FAA were not to have use of the earth station licensed under Call Sign E940441 starting on July 1, it would suffer a serious impact as a fixed number of trained and qualified technical staff are needed to operate each of many locations in every state across the country. The FAA has apprised Hughes that any delays or disruption in training would result in the number of qualified personnel falling below critical manpower thresholds at multiple locations, and have a negative impact to air operations at those locations.

Hughes emphasizes that there is no change in transmission parameters associated with the relocation of the earth station antenna. The same antenna will be reinstalled at the new site, and the power outputs will not change from what is currently authorized in the license for Call Sign E940441. As the earth station is a conventional Ku-band facility, and conforms to the antenna gain patterns in Sections 25.209(a) and (b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.209(a) and (b), there are no coordination issues involved. The radiation hazard profile is also unchanged from the current authorization.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Hughes respectfully requests that the Commission issue an STA to allow Hughes to operate the relocated antenna it proposes in the E940441 Modification Application on a pre-grant basis for a period of 60 days, commencing July 1, 2011.