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APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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STA 180-day extension for operation with Satmex 6 pending ESAA grant

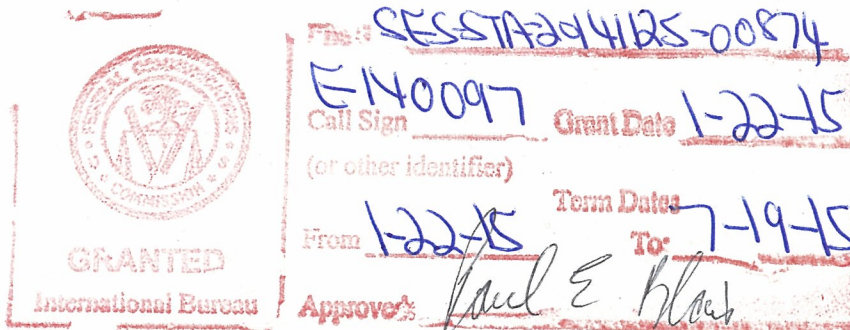
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 Special Temporary Authority (STA)



The Boeing Company (Boeing) is granted extension, of the special temporary authority that was previously granted under FCC IBFS File No. SES-STA-20140929-00323, to operate its network of 100 aircraft earth stations and communicate with the SATMEX 6 satellite at the 113° W.L. orbital location for 180 days, under the following conditions.

1. Authorization is granted only for operations within the following limits:

Frequency Band	Emissions	Maximum E.I.R.P.	Maximum E.I.R.P. Density
11.45-11.7 GHz	32M4G7D	0	0
11.7-12.2 GHz	32M4G7D	0	0
12.2-12.75 GHz	32M4G7D	0	0
14.0-14.5 GHz	32M4G7D	50.6 dBW	11.5 dBW/4KHz
14.0-14.5 GHz	420KG7D	37.8 dBW	17.6 dBW/4KHz

2. All operations shall be on an unprotected, non-interference basis. In the event of any harmful interference, cease operations immediately and inform the Commission, in writing, immediately.

3. Operation pursuant to this authorization must be in compliance with the terms of Boeing's coordination agreements with the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration pertaining to operation of aircraft earth stations in the Ku-band. Boeing, however, is not authorized to operate in the 14.0-14.2 GHz frequency band within line-of-sight of the Blossom Point, MD facility until its agreement is updated to reflect the operations at that facility.

4. When operating in international airspace within line-of-sight of the territory of a foreign administration where Fixed Service networks have a primary allocation in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band, an aircraft earth station must not produce ground-level power flux density (pfd) in such territory in excess of the following values unless the foreign administration has imposed other conditions for protecting its FS stations: $-132 + 0.5 \times \text{THETA}$ dB(W/(m² MHz)) for $\text{THETA} \leq 40^\circ$; -112 dB(W/(m² MHz)) for $40^\circ < \text{THETA} \leq 90^\circ$. Where: THETA is the angle of arrival of the radio-frequency wave in degrees above the horizontal, and the aforementioned limits relate to the pfd and angles of arrival that would be obtained under free space propagation conditions.

5. Operation pursuant to this authorization outside the United States in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band must be in compliance with the provisions of Annex 1, Part C of Recommendation ITU-R M.1643, with respect to any radio astronomy station performing observations in the 14.47-14.5 GHz band.

6. Aircraft earth stations authorized herein must employ a tracking algorithm that is resistant to capturing and tracking adjacent satellite signals, and each station must be capable of inhibiting its own transmission in the event it detects unintended satellite tracking.

7. Grant of this STA is without prejudice to any determination that the Commission may make regarding pending Boeing applications.

8. Aircraft earth stations authorized herein must be monitored and controlled by a ground-based network control and monitoring center. Such stations must be able to receive "enable transmission" and "disable transmission" commands from the network control center and must cease transmission immediately after receiving a "parameter change" command until receiving an "enable transmission" command from the network control center. The network control center must monitor operation of each aircraft earth station to determine if it is malfunctioning, and each aircraft earth station must self-monitor and automatically cease transmission on detecting an operational fault that could cause harmful interference to a fixed-satellite service network.

9. Stations authorized herein must not be used to provide air traffic control communications.

10. Operation in the territory or airspace of any country other than the United States must be in compliance with the applicable laws, regulations, and licensing procedures of that country, as well as with the conditions of this authorization.

11. The licensee must maintain a U.S. point of contact available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, with the authority and ability to terminate operations authorized herein.

12. The licensee shall comply with any pertinent limits established by the International Telecommunication Union to protect other services allocated internationally.

13. For each ESAA transmitter, the licensee shall maintain records of the following data for each operating aircraft earth station (AES), a record of the aircraft location (i.e., latitude/longitude/altitude), transmit frequency, channel bandwidth and satellite used shall be time annotated and maintained for a period of not less than one year. Records shall be recorded at time intervals no greater than one (1) minute while the AES is transmitting. The ESAA operator shall make this data available, in the form of a comma delimited electronic spreadsheet, within 24 hours of a request from the Commission, NTIA, or a frequency coordinator for purposes of resolving harmful interference events. A description of the units (i.e., degrees, minutes, MHz ...) in which the records values are recorded will be supplied along with the records.

14. Communications between Boeing's aircraft earth stations and the SATMEX-6 space station must be in compliance with all existing and future space station coordination agreements reached between Mexico and other Administrations.

15. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this special temporary authority is solely at Boeing's risk.

16. Operations during the period November 30, 2014 to the date of this grant were authorized pursuant to Section 1.62 of the Commission's rules 47 C.F.R. § 1.62.

This action is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective immediately. Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Sections 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within thirty days of the date of the public notice indicating that this action was taken.

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3. Reference File Number SSSSTA2014092200747 or Submission ID	
4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).	
<input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee	
<input type="radio"/> Other (please explain):	
4b. Fee Classification CGB - Mobile Satellite Earth Stations	
5. Type Request	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Use Prior to Grant <input type="radio"/> Change Station Location <input type="radio"/> Other	
6. Requested Use Prior Date 11/30/2014	
7. City	
8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 0 0 0.0	

9. State	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 0 0 0.0
11. Please supply any need attachments. Attachment 1: STA Narrative Attachment 2: Attachment 3:	
12. Description. (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Request for 180-day extension of STA to operate Boeing Broadband Satcom Network with Satmex 6 pending grant of application for ESAA authority.</div>	
13. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application" for these purposes. <p style="text-align: center;">Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>	
14. Name of Person Signing Ronald E. Center	15. Title of Person Signing Manager
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EXHIBIT

Purpose of STA Application

The Boeing Company (“Boeing”) herein seeks extension of its existing special temporary authorization (“STA”) for a renewal period of 180 days to continue to operate the Boeing Broadband Satellite Network (“BBSN”) in support of U.S. Air Force missions.¹

Background

On September 22, 2014, Boeing filed an application for authority to operate its existing BBSN pursuant to a license issued under the Commission’s recently adopted Earth Stations Aboard Aircraft (“ESAA”) rules.² On that same date, Boeing sought an STA for 60 days to permit continued operations while its ESAA application remains pending before the Commission.³

On October 1, 2014, the International Bureau (“IB”) granted a portion of Boeing’s STA application, allowing it to operate its BBSN for a period of 60 days using the E113WA satellite (previously known as SatMex 6) as a new point of communication to support its operations on behalf of the U.S. Government in South America.⁴ Boeing’s authority to operate the rest of its BBSN with eight other geostationary (“GSO”) satellites in the fixed satellite service (“FSS”) continues to be provided by experimental license call sign WC2XVE, which was issued by the Commission’s Office of Engineering and Technology (“OET”).

Discussion

As explained in the initial STA application, Boeing has operated in-flight broadband services for more than a decade. Boeing’s Connexion by Boeing system was the first satellite-based in-flight broadband service authorized by the IB in 2001.⁵ Since 2008, Boeing has operated under OET experimental authority pending the Commission’s adoption of ESAA rules.⁶ Based on discussions with IB and OET staff, Boeing filed its initial STA application with the IB in order to transfer all or portions its operating authority from its OET experimental license to an IB STA during the processing of its ESAA application.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

² *Revisions to Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission’s Rules to Govern the Use of Earth Stations Aboard Aircraft Communicating with Fixed-Satellite Service Geostationary-Orbit Space Stations Operating in the 10.95-11.2 GHz, 11.45-11.7 GHz, 11.7-12.2 GHz and 14.0-14.5 GHz Frequency Bands*, IB Docket No. 12-267, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Report and Order, FCC 12-161 (rel. Dec. 28, 2012) (“ESAA Order”).

³ The Boeing Company Request for Special Temporary Authorization and Expedited Treatment, File No. SES-STA-20140922-00747 (Sept. 22, 2014) (granted Oct. 1, 2014).

⁴ *See id.*

⁵ *See The Boeing Company*, Order and Authorization, 16 FCC Rcd. 22645 (Int’l Bur. 2001).

⁶ *See* Experimental License Call Sign WC2XVE.

Although Boeing initially sought an STA period of 60 days, Boeing now seeks an STA extension period of 180 days. This significantly longer period is warranted by the processing time that may be required for the IB to consider and grant Boeing's ESAA application.⁷ Although Boeing's ESAA application was filed on October 1, 2014, the application has not yet been placed on public notice for comment, likely reflecting the administrative difficulties for the IB of developing procedures for the review and licensing of this new type of satellite service. Boeing will therefore likely require an additional 180 days of temporary operating authority before its ESAA license is granted and its request for a longer STA period is therefore warranted.

Public Interest Statement

Boeing's BBSN exclusively serves the needs of the United States Air Force Air Materiel Command to support the operation of critically-important VIP/SAM (Very Important Personnel/Special Air Mission) aircraft used to transport senior leadership of the U.S. Government and the Department of Defense. The BBSN achieves near global coverage through the use of selected U.S. and foreign satellites. As with Boeing's experimental authorization, Boeing requests STA authority to operate the BBSN on a non-conforming, non-interference basis.

Grant of the requested STA would serve the public interest because the U.S. Air Force uses Boeing's service to support Homeland Security and National Defense efforts. These efforts have increased significantly in focus in the South America region and these efforts require secure, ubiquitous, and uninterrupted communications to VIP aircraft used by Federal Government leadership.

⁷ Application of The Boeing Company for Authority to Operate Up to 100 Earth Stations Aboard Aircraft, File No. SES-LIC-20140922-00748 (Filed Sep. 22, 2014) ("*Boeing ESAA Application*").