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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
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**Re: Request of Lockheed Martin Corporation for Special Temporary Authority  
(FCC File No. SES-STA-20150304-00111); Section 1.65 Statement**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is submitted to update the record concerning the above-referenced application for special temporary authority (“STA”) filed by Lockheed Martin Corporation (“Lockheed Martin”). In its application, Lockheed Martin requested that the FCC grant it authority to use its Carpentersville, New Jersey earth station for a period of 180-days, commencing on March 7, 2015, to provide support for the launch and early orbit phase operations (“LEOP”) of the ABS-3A satellite. Lockheed Martin acknowledged, however, that this date was earlier than could be granted under the Communications Act and the FCC’s rules that govern temporary authority of this duration. *See* 47 U.S.C. §309(c)(2)(G) and 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(2). For this reason, it filed contemporaneously an interim 30-day STA request. *See* FCC File No. SES-STA-20150304-00110. This shorter term STA could be granted quickly in order to meet the near-term requirements for the ABS-3 LEOP operations.

The 30-day STA was granted effective March 7, 2015 for a term ending April 6, 2015. The pending 180-day application was also quickly placed on FCC Public Notice on March 11, 2015. *See* FCC Public Notice, Report No. SES-01730, at 3 (released 3/11/2015). The result of this timing is that the earliest possible grant date for the long-term STA, 30-days after Public Notice, would be next Monday, April 13, 2015, one week after expiration of the initial STA term. Accordingly, on March 26, 2015, Lockheed Martin filed a request for an additional 30-day STA (see FCC File No. SES-STA-20150326-00183), which was promptly granted on April 2, 2015 for a term beginning April 7, 2015 and ending May 6, 2015.



Inasmuch as Lockheed Martin has now been granted an STA to provide support for the ABS-3A LEOP mission through May 6, 2015, it wishes to update the requested date of commencement of the STA sought in this proceeding to coincide with the expiration of the current 30-day STA. Therefore, Lockheed Martin respectfully requests that the STA originally requested to commence on March 7, 2015 instead be made **effective as of May 7, 2015 for a period ending on November 4, 2015**. Grant of this request will serve the public interest by minimizing the number of STA grants required in order to complete the ABS-3A LEOP mission, thereby promoting private sector efficiency and conserving the resources of the FCC's Satellite Division processing staff, which receives many STA requests. Because it is currently anticipated that the ABS-3A LEOP operations will be completed by November 4, 2015, granting an STA with that termination date would likely minimize the need for submission of additional STA requests.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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