


APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
Renewal of Mt. Jackson (E170094) 30-Day STA Regarding EchoStar 23

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30 days *"with conditions"*
File # SES-STA-20190711-00916
Call Sign E170094 **Grant Date** 10/31/2019
(or other identifier) **Term Dates**
From: 10/31/2019 **To:** 11/30/2019
Approved: *Jennifer Manner*



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4b. Fee Classification CGX – Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station	
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	
07/17/2019	
7. City Quicksburg	
8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 38 43 23.1 N	

9. State VA	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 78 39 57.8 W
11. Please supply any need attachments. Attachment 1: Exhibit 1 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.) Seeking renewal of 30-day special temporary authority to operate earth station for TT&C communications with the EchoStar 23 satellite for interim operations at 67.9 W.L. prior to its planned relocation and operations at 72.6 W.L. See Exhibit 1.	
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"; party to the application; for these purposes. Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
14. Name of Person Signing Jennifer A. Manner	15. Title of Person Signing Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
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EchoStar BSS Corporation is granted a special temporary authority for 30 days, starting October 31, 2019, to operate its earth station in Quicksburg, VA, to provide telemetry, tracking, and command ("TT&C") for the EchoStar 23 satellite during the satellite's drift from its current location at 44.9° W.L. to the 72.6° W.L. orbital location. Operations are limited to frequency bands 17.3-17.310, 17.791 GHz (Earth-to-space) and 12.20-12.21GHz (space-to-Earth) under the following conditions:

1. Operations will not exceed the operational power levels and parameters coordinated.
2. All operations under this grant of special temporary authority shall be on an unprotected and non-harmful interference basis. EchoStar BSS Corporation shall not cause harmful interference to, and shall not claim protection from interference caused to it by, any other lawfully operating radio communication system.
3. In the event of any harmful interference under this grant of special temporary authority, EchoStar BSS Corporation must cease operations immediately upon notification of such interference, and must inform the Commission, in writing, immediately of such an event.
4. All operators of satellites will be provided with an emergency phone number where the licensee can be reached in the event that harmful interference occurs, Currently the 24x7 contact information for the EchoStar BSS Corporation satellite is Ph.: (307) -633-5225. Ask for Silas Cole.
5. EchoStar BSS Corporation must apply for market access via an earth or space station license request. This authorization does not grant authority for market access in the US.
6. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this special temporary authority is solely at EchoStar BSS Corporation's risk.
7. Operations of this station during the period from expiration of August 18, 2019, to the grant of this special temporary authority was authorized pursuant to Section 1.62 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.62.
8. Grant of this authorization is without prejudice to any determination that the Commission may make regarding pending or future EchoStar BSS Corporation applications.

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.

EXHIBIT 1

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED STA OPERATIONS

Pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(4) of the Commission's rules,¹ EchoStar Operating L.L.C. (together with its affiliates, "EchoStar") requests renewal of its special temporary authorizations ("STAs") for an additional 30 days, until August 16, 2019, to operate five earth stations in Gilbert, AZ; Blackhawk, SD; Quicksburg, VA; Cheyenne, WY; Quicksburg, VA; and Summerset, SD (Call Signs E070014, E020248, E170094, E980005, and E150098) for telemetry, tracking, and command ("TT&C") communications to support the EchoStar 23 satellite's brief interim operations at 67.9° W.L. prior to its planned relocation and operations at the 72.6° W.L. orbital location.² Launched in March 2017, EchoStar 23 is a Brazilian-licensed Ku-band Broadcasting-Satellite Service ("BSS") satellite initially authorized to operate at 44.9° W.L. Despite initial plans to operate EchoStar 23 to provide direct-to-home ("DTH") television service to Brazil, EchoStar has determined that the satellite will be better utilized at the 72.6° W.L. orbital location, in conjunction with the Canadian-licensed Nimiq 5 satellite at 72.7° W.L., to support ongoing DTH service for DISH Network, L.L.C.'s (together with its affiliates, "DISH") satellite television network. Accordingly, on July 2, 2019, EchoStar commenced moving EchoStar 23 from 44.9° W.L. to 72.6° W.L.³ for service to DISH subscribers in the United States and Canada.⁴

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(4).

² See EchoStar, Applications for STA, IBFS File Nos. SAT-STA-20190607-00738, SAT-STA-20190607-00739, SAT-STA-20190607-00740, SAT-STA-20190607-00741 & SAT-STA-20190607-00742 (June 7, 2019).

³ EchoStar holds additional 60-day STAs to operate the same five earth stations (Call Signs E150098, E170094, E070014, E980005, and E020248) for TT&C communications with the EchoStar 23 satellite during its drift from 44.9° W.L. to 72.6° W.L. See *Satellite Communications Services Information re: Actions Taken*, Public Notice, FCC Report No. SES-02173, at 43-44 (June 19, 2019). EchoStar also has

Prior to completing the relocation of EchoStar 23 to 72.6° W.L., EchoStar seeks to operate the satellite at the 67.9° W.L. orbital location for a brief interim period until EchoStar obtains authorization from the Canadian Administration to operate at the 72.6° W.L. orbital location.⁵ Accordingly, the requested STA will allow EchoStar to operate EchoStar 23 at 67.9° W.L. for a brief interim period until Canadian authorization may be secured for operations at 72.6° W.L. EchoStar has no plans to bring into use any International Telecommunication Union filings at or near the 67.9° W. L. orbital location.

For TT&C communications with EchoStar 23 at 67.9° W.L., the subject earth stations will operate on the following frequencies, consistent with the frequency bands and other technical parameters specified under their existing licenses:

- 17.300 – 17.310 GHz and 17.791 GHz for TT&C uplinks; and
- 12.200 – 12.210 GHz for TT&C downlinks.

These earth stations have been frequency coordinated over a geostationary satellite arc that includes the 67.9° W.L. orbital location. Thus, the proposed STA operations will not cause harmful interference to other authorized operations.⁶ Nonetheless, in the unlikely event of harmful interference, EchoStar is prepared to take appropriate measures to eliminate such

pending modification applications to operate these earth stations for TT&C and feeder link communications with EchoStar 23 during its relocation and operations at 72.6° W.L. *See* EchoStar, Applications for Modification, IBFS File Nos. SES-MFS-20190308-00275 & SES-MFS-20190214-00088 *et seq.* (Mar. 8 & Feb. 14, 2019).

⁴ A modification application for blanket licensing authority to operate receive-only U.S. earth stations for reception of service from the EchoStar 23 satellite at 72.6° W.L. is currently pending. *See* DISH, Application for Modification, IBFS File No. SES-MFS-20190507-00566 (May 7, 2019).

⁵ EchoStar is aware that SES-10 operates at the 66.9° W.L. orbital location and is working with SES to ensure that its TT&C operations do not interfere with SES-10.

⁶ Additionally, the proposed STA operations are substantially consistent with Section 25.118(a)(3) of the Commission's rules, allowing earth station operators to change a satellite point of communication without prior authorization under certain circumstances when an earth station antenna is not repointed beyond the coordinated range. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.118(a)(3).

interference, including immediately discontinuing the interfering operations upon receiving notice of such interference.

Grant of the requested STA will serve the public interest by allowing EchoStar the flexibility to manage its satellite fleet efficiently, provide for more productive use of its satellites, and further ensure full use of spectrum and uninterrupted service from the 72.6° W.L. orbital location. Indeed, the Commission has a longstanding policy of leaving fleet management decisions to satellite operators because doing so generally serves the public interest.⁷

⁷ See *SES Americom, Inc.*, Order and Authorization, 21 FCC Rcd. 3430, 3433 ¶ 8 (2006) (FCC “generally has allowed satellite operators to rearrange satellites in their fleet to reflect business and customer considerations where no public interest factors are adversely affected”); *AMSC Subsidiary Corporation*, Order and Authorization, 13 FCC Rcd 12316, 12318 ¶ 8 (IB 1998) (finding that that a satellite licensee “is in a better position to determine how to tailor its system to meet the particular needs of its customers”).