

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of

Application of RBC Signals, LLC for a	)	
60-Day Special Temporary Authorization	)	Call Sign: E230151
to Operate with Non-Geostationary Orbit	)	
Spacecraft	)	File No.:
	)	

**REQUEST FOR OF THE 60-DAY SPECIAL TEMPORARY
AUTHORIZATION
(S-band 3.7 and 3.9m Antennas Uplink – Deadhorse, Alaska)**

RBC Signals, LLC (“RBC Signals”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120, respectfully seeks a 60-day special temporary authorization (“STA”) to operate its fixed 3.7 and 3.9-meter earth station in Deadhorse, Alaska (the “Deadhorse Lease Site”) to conduct telemetry, tracking, and command (“TT&C”) uplink operations in portions of the 2025- 2100 MHz band (Earth-to-space) band to support the U.S.-licensed satellite Phobos¹.

RBC Signals is awaiting a grant of amendment to its earth station application for this same ground system(s) (E230151) to add this satellite as a point of communication to its earth station license² with another round of modifications. RBC Signals respectfully requests the Commission grant this 60-day STA to allow it to provide necessary TT&C support during the pendency of the application for longer-term authority. This satellite launched in October 2025. A grant of this STA will allow for LEOP and temporary coverage for Phobos while the longer-term license works through process.

¹ See Aethero Space, File No. 0780-EX-CN-2025 (“*Aethero Phobos Application*”), Granted Feb 9 2026. To the extent applicable, RBC Signals incorporates by reference relevant satellite technical and operational information provided in said application associate with callsign WQ2XDL via the OET.

²See *RBC Signals, LLC, File No. SES-MOD-20241024-02204, Call Sign E230151 (filed Oct. 24, 2024)*.

I. DISCUSSION

RBC Signals is a Redmond, Washington-based company providing innovative earth station services in the United States and around the world both to U.S. government and commercial clients. RBC Signals has provided similar ground station support for multiple spacecraft from the Deadhorse 6.0m³ and nearby 4.5m earth station with no resulting harmful interference. RBC Signals will continue to ensure that its TT&C operations will not cause harmful interference to current or future co-frequency operations and that the interests of the United States are accommodated.

RBC Signals seeks to provide TT&C uplink communications using the Deadhorse Lease Site Antennas in portions of the 2025-2110 MHz (Earth-to-space) band to support U.S.-licensed satellite operations, as described below.

A. Satellite Overview

Aethero is planning to deploy the Phobos mission from a SpaceX launch vehicle in March of 2026 on the Transporter 16 Mission at ~510km and 97.4 degree inclination. RBC Signals incorporates by reference the technical and public interest considerations set forth in the underlying satellite applications filed by the satellite operators and highlights the need for TT&C support for these U.S.-licensed satellite.

³ See, e.g., RBC Signals, LLC, File Nos. SES-STA-20230123-00086 (granted Mar. 30, 2023), SES-STA-20221014-01134 (granted Dec. 14, 2022), and SES-STA-20220929-01060 (granted Nov. 28, 2022), SES-LIC-20221121-01273 (Granted Nov. 4, 2024).

B. Summary of Frequency Use

In Table 1 below, RBC Signals presents information on the frequencies requested herein:

Transmit Center Frequency MHz	Emissions Designator	Transmit Power at Antenna Flange Watts	Antenna Gain dBi	Polarization	EIRP dBW	Density dBw/4khz
2070.25	125KG1D	80	36.7	RHCP	50	35.05
2070.25	112KG1D	80	36.7	RHCP	50	35.53
2070.25	75K0G1D	80	36.7	RHCP	50	37.26
2070.25	37K5G1D	80	36.7	RHCP	50	40.28

Table 1 - Summary of Frequency Use 3.9m

Transmit Center Frequency MHz	Emissions Designator	Transmit Power at Antenna Flange Watts	Antenna Gain dBi	Polarization	EIRP dBW	Density dBw/4khz
2070.25	125KG1D	80	35	RHCP	48	33.05
2070.25	112KG1D	80	35	RHCP	48	33.53
2070.25	75K0G1D	80	35	RHCP	48	35.26
2070.25	37K5G1D	80	35	RHCP	48	38.28

Table 1 - Summary of Frequency Use 3.7m

C. Frequency Allocations and Compatibility

The United States Table of Frequency Allocations (“Table of Allocations”), Section 2.106 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 2.106, provides that the 2025-2110 MHz band is allocated on a primary basis to non-Federal terrestrial fixed and mobile services. Non-federal Earth-to-space transmissions may be authorized on a case-by-case basis for space research and Earth exploration-satellite service (“EESS”) operations, so long as such operations are conducted on a non-interference basis with Federal and non-Federal users of the band.⁶ RBC Signals will operate these links on a non-interference basis, as required by the Table of Allocations.

The Table of Allocations also provides that the 2025-2110 MHz band is allocated on a primary basis to space operations, EECS, and space research. In the United States, space operations are limited to federal operators, and EECS use by commercial operators is subject to conditions as may

be applied on a case-by-case basis and the limitation that any use may not cause harmful interference to authorized operations. RBC Signals understands that there are certain U.S. government operations conducted in the 2025-2110 MHz band, including use by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”).⁷ RBC Signals will continue its coordination efforts with NASA and other government agencies to ensure compatibility of the proposed operations.

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. § 2.106, fn. US347.

⁷ See https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/compendium/2025.00-2110.00_01MAR14.pdf.

D. Frequency Coordination and Interference

Previous coordination reports which supported this antenna as well as the Deadhorse 6.0m and nearby 4.5 meter earth station show no interference cases. RBC Signals understands that the satellite operators have coordinated access to the required frequencies for their respective operations. RBC Signals notes that it has operated in the subject spectrum using the Deadhorse Lease site antennas without any harmful interference incidents.

Nonetheless, RBC Signals will operate the Deadhorse lease site antennas on an unprotected, non- interference basis and if RBC Signals learns that its operations are causing harmful interference to other operations, it will suspend or modify its operations immediately to resolve such interference.

The 24/7 point of contact for the proposed operations is:

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E. Waiver Request

To the extent necessary, RBC Signals requests waiver of the Table of Allocations to permit the proposed TT&C transmit operations in the 2025-2110 MHz band. Specifically, a waiver may be appropriate to the extent the Commission concludes that any of the proposed operations do not conform to the available non-Federal allocations in the band.

The Commission may waive any of its rules for “good cause” shown.⁸ In general, waiver is appropriate if (i) special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule; and (ii) such deviation would better serve the public interest than would strict adherence to the rule.⁹ Special circumstances justify grant of the requested waivers and grant will not undermine the policy objectives of the rules and will otherwise serve the public interest.

Given RBC Signals’ limited spectrum use, prior use of the same frequencies for the same operations using the Deadhorse Lease Site Antennas without interference incident, and successful coordination of these frequencies, the public interest would be served by permitting the Lease Site Antennas Earth Station to support the operations of the satellites identified herein. RBC Signals will continue to ensure that its earth station transmit operations do not increase the potential for interference into current or future U.S. government or commercial users. RBC Signals therefore respectfully requests, if a waiver is needed, that it be granted by the Commission.

⁸ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.3; *Northeast Cellular Tel. Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164 (D.C. Cir. 1990); *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153 (D.C. Cir. 1969).

⁹ See *Northeast Cellular*, 897 F.2d at 1166; see also *WAIT Radio*, 418 F.2d at 1157.

F. Public Interest Consideration

RBC Signals is at the forefront of reinventing TT&C and earth station support solutions and grant of the requested application would promote U.S. leadership in innovative satellite technologies and services. RBC Signals will conduct all operations in accordance with the Commission's rules and requirements. RBC Signals incorporates by reference the public interest considerations included in the satellite application, as well as the operational specifications included in the authorizations, of the subject spacecraft.¹⁰

Grant of this application will further the public interest by enabling TT&C support for the Phobos mission. In addition, there have been no instances of harmful interference from TT&C uplink operations at this facility in the subject spectrum and RBC Signals will continue to ensure interference-free operations from its Deadhorse Lease Site Antennas.

II. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, RBC Signals respectfully requests that the Commission grant this 60-day STA to enable the Deadhorse Lease Site Antennas to provide TT&C uplink services for the Phobos mission as requested herein.

¹⁰ RBC requests leave to update the technical or operational data associated with this application should the Commission seek any clarifying or supplemental information in considering this request.

EXHIBIT A

RBC Signals, LLC – Application for ground station operations to support Phobos mission from its 3.7 and 3.9 meter earth stations in Deadhorse, Alaska

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Antenna 1	
Antenna Description	Safran Legion 400
Antenna size	3.9m
Transmit Center Frequency	2055 and 2093 MHz
Receive Center Frequency	N/A
Polarization	Right Hand Circular
Transmit Gain	36.7 dBi
Latitude (NAD83)	70°11'28.7"N
Longitude (NAD83)	148° 26' 0.93" W
Antenna 2	
Antenna Description	Tracker 3700
Antenna size	3.7m
Transmit Center Frequency	2070.25
Receive Center Frequency	n/a
Polarization	RHCP
Transmit Gain	35 dBi
Latitude (NAD83)	70° 11' 27.2" N
Longitude (NAD83)	148° 26' 5.8" W
Point of Communication	
Satellite	Phobos
Call Sign	WQ2XDL
Satellite Type	NGSO
Orbit*	510 km; 97.4° inclination

* Based on satellite application and authorization information. Final orbital parameters may depend on launch provider deployment.

