

March 28, 2026

TO: Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's Rules and 47 CFR § 1.62, Kongsberg Satellite Services AS (KSAT) requests and extension of the Special Temporary Authority (STA) for a period of sixty (60) days, or until a permanent license is granted, to operate its satellite earth station located in Fairbanks, Alaska (Call Sign E240138). This STA would permit communication with the non-geostationary satellite orbit (NGSO) satellites operated by Muon Space Inc, owned by Sierra Nevada Company LLC and licensed under Call Sign S3214. These satellites include Vindler 2.1, Vindler 2.2 and Vindler 2.3 (Vindler), and operate within the Earth Exploration-Satellite Service (EESS), as licensed by the Commission.

This STA request is intended to provide interim authority during the period between grant of this request, the expected launch of Vindler (scheduled for Transporter-16 on March 30, 2026), and the eventual submission and grant of a modification to KSAT's earth station license to include this additional point of communication.

This 60-day STA application is being filed at this time due to the ongoing review of pending FCC license, SES-LIC-20240717-01578. To minimize the need for recurring short-term STA extensions, KSAT will submit an 180-day STA request, covering a longer period, until it is able to file a long-term modification (MOD) to the E240138 license. This MOD will be submitted once the Commission acts on SES-LIC-20240717-01578 and SES-AMD-20241216-02664.

Frequency coordination analysis and Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) coordination have been completed. The analysis report is attached.

The Alaska Earth Station will operate in the following frequency bands:

- **Transmit:** 2025–2110 MHz (S-band)
- **Receive:** 8025–8400 MHz (X-band)

All frequencies requested under this STA, as well as the operation of the Alaska Earth Station, have been coordinated with the appropriate federal agencies, in accordance with the Commission's grant issued to Sierra Nevada Company LLC.

The following tables provide a list of the frequencies requested in this STA as well as the antenna specifications in support of this application.

Transmission Direction	Satellite	Center Frequency (MHz)	Emission	Polarity	Max EIRP per Carrier	Max EIRP density per Carrier
Earth-to-Space	Vindler 2.1	2061.5	280KG1D	RHCP	50 dBW	31.55
		2062.5	980KG1D	RHCP	50 dBW	26.10
Space-to-Earth	Vindler 2.2	8385.0	2M80G1D	RHCP	0.0 dBW	0.0
	Vindler 2.3	8390.0				
		8105.0	160MG1D			

Antenna Specifications and Location	
Make and Model	CPI Satcom Orbital Systems; 5.0TSXS11-5.0m
Antenna Gain	37.6 dBi @ 2.0 GHz 50.5 dBi @ 8.2 GHz
Latitude	64 ° 49 ' 3.7 " N
Longitude	147 ° 43 ' 9.0 " W

Grant of this application will serve the public interest in accordance with Section 307(a) of the Commissions Act. The operation of the Alaska earth station will enable frequent, predictable contact with the spacecraft to support potential collision avoidance, perform orbit maintenance, and conduct payload operations for the Vindler satellites. Additionally, it will facilitate safe deployment and commission of Vindler 2.1, Vindler 2.2 and Vindler 2.3.

The strategic location of the KSAT Earth Station in Fairbanks, Alaska, will provide the Vindler Spacecraft with essential ground segment support for upcoming satellites. For these reasons, KSAT respectfully requests that the Commission grant this application no later than April 4, 2026.

If approved, communications will be on a secondary non-interference basis, and we will discontinue operation in the event of any reported interference. KSAT will also comply with applicable terms and conditions of the authorization for the Vindler satellites.

24-hour contact information for the Fairbanks, Alaska earth station is as follows: Local - Blain Bronson, +1 907 347 2353

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Respectfully Submitted,
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