

Intuitive Machines, LLC (“Applicant” or “IM”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120, hereby requests an extension of its existing Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for short-term testing of one fixed gateway earth station operating in the S- and X-bands (“Gateway 2”).¹ This STA extension request corresponds with IM’s current “baseline” license application pending under File Number SES-LIC-20260312-00628 and Call Sign E260194 for operating authority of Gateway 2 (“Baseline Application”). The Catawissa Gateway – Radiation Hazard Studies and Catawissa Gateway – Exhibit B (FAA Notification) documents included with the Baseline Application are incorporated herein by this reference and apply to this STA extension request.

Gateway 2 is a 32.0-meter Nippon Electric antenna located at AT&T, Inc.’s (“AT&T”) Roaring Creek Earth Station in Catawissa, Pennsylvania (“Catawissa Teleport”). Gateway 2, subsequent to hardware upgrades undertaken by IM, will enjoy the ability to operate with total input power at the antenna flange not to exceed 2,050 Watts and total EIRP for all carriers not to exceed 96 dBW. IM will also retrofit the earth station with a tri-band feed enabling simultaneous operations across S-, X-, and Ka-band frequencies; however, IM does not seek STA to test Ka-band frequencies at this time. The proposed testing will involve Gateway 2 uplinking exclusively to the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (“LRO”) satellite and the Capstone satellite, as set forth below:

ITU Name	ITU Status	Frequency Band, MHz	Center Frequency, MHz	Bandwidth, MHz	Emission Designator(s)
LRO	Notified	2025-2120	2091.397	1	1M00G2D
Capstone	Notified	7145-7235	7204.869	2.4	2M40G9D

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¹ See File Number SES-STA-20260423-01128.

In 2024, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”) selected IM to support the agency’s lunar relay systems as part of the Near Space Network (“NSN”), a system of earth-based ground stations and space relays designed to provide mission-critical telemetry, commanding, ground-based tracking, data and communications services to government and commercial missions. Gateway 2 will serve as one of the principal domestic points of communication for the NSN. In addition to communicating with the existing United States space assets above, the NSN will also support communications with future scientific and commercial missions, including NASA’s Lunar Data Network (“LDN”), which involves a constellation of satellites manufactured by IM orbiting the Moon to provide critical relay communications services and navigation support for various lunar missions.

STA extension is sought for a period of 30 days beginning September 14, 2026, which is the day following the expiration of IM’s existing STA authorization, and concluding October 13, 2026. Grant of this request is necessary to continue ongoing work to upgrade the underlying 32.0 meter, which has been in place for several decades, and requires a more comprehensive refurbishment than initially anticipated to support demanding NSN communications. Grant of this request will serve the public interest by allowing IM to undertake an expedited initial evaluation of the earth station’s capabilities in cooperation with NASA. More specifically, short-term testing will enable IM to demonstrate to NASA and other federal partners that the retrofitted 30+ meter antenna satisfies parameters needed for challenging missions, and to confirm the performance and utility of the bespoke tri-band feed implemented during the ongoing retrofit of the antenna.

The proposed STA extension will not create harmful interference or otherwise prejudice any third party. All operations pursuant to any STA will occur on a non-protected/non-interference

basis. Further, communications between Gateway 2 and the NASA space assets identified above will occur only after successful coordination with federal incumbent agencies in the relevant S- and X-band, including NASA itself. The involved 32.0-meter antenna is also located in a remote and isolated part of central Pennsylvania, far removed from any auxiliary broadcast operations,² and will employ significant uptilt under all possible operating scenarios, further minimizing the possibility of creating harmful interference to incumbent spectrum users. Finally, the Catawissa Teleport is manned 24/7, and IM holds kill switch capability, which can be exercised in near real-time in the unlikely event that harmful interference occurs.

In summary, grant of this STA extension request will enable IM to provide the government with a fundamental understanding of the earth station's capabilities, and allow NASA to move forward with important mission milestones. Accordingly, this application serves the public interest and should be granted.

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² IM has initiated coordination with the Society of Broadcast Engineers, and will file supplemental correspondence in the instant file when concluded.