Request For Special Temporary Authority

By this application, United Teleports Inc. respectfully requests earth station temporary authority ("STA") for a period of 30 (thirty) days beginning on or about January 1, 2019, to permit UNITED TELEPORTS to use its E160081 earth station to support SES Americom, Inc. ("SES") in the communication with ASTRA 1D spacecraft in order to provide Tracking, Telemetry and Command ("TT&C") while the spacecraft is positioned at 73.0 degrees West (+/- 0.10 degrees East/West station keeping). United Teleports, Inc. has filed a modification application for authority to operate E160081 to communicate with the ASTRA 1D spacecraft accordingly (SES was previously granted an STA for TT&C operation of ASTRA 1D under SES-STA-20180129-00069 on Call Sign E110104 and United Teleports, Inc. was granted an STA to operate under the mistaken call sign E050287). The operations proposed with United Teleports 7 meter Ku-band antenna will be identical to the authorization granted for SES for TT&C with ASTRA 1D and under the STA granted for E050287.

Grant of this request is in the public interest as the requested TT&C authority will facilitate the safe operation of ASTRA 1D.

United Teleports, Inc.'s will use E160081 as a secondary, back-up TT&C Earth Station, only for the reception of telemetry from the spacecraft and as back up for transmission of commands if needed.

Details regarding the ASTRA 1D TT&C operations are provided in the modification application SES-MFS-20180907-02439 which is incorporated by reference.