

Description of Operations and Public Interest Statement

Pursuant to 47 CFR 25.120 of the Commission's Rules, Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed Martin") hereby requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days to operate its Carpentersville, New Jersey fixed earth station (Call Sign E7541) to provide telemetry, tracking, and control ("TT&C") functions during the Electric Orbit Raising ("EOR") period of operation, ranging, and electric propulsion monitoring for the HellasSat 4/ SaudiGeoSat 1 ("HS4") satellite, which Lockheed Martin has manufactured.

HS4 is destined for in-service operation at 39.0° E.L., and is currently scheduled for launch in mid-January 2019, aboard an Ariane 5 ECA rocket, from Guiana Space Center.

1. Requested STA Operations

Lockheed Martin requested authority to begin testing and calibrating the subject antennas on December 3, 2018, given the unique communications configuration of the ground stations supporting launch.¹ Lockheed Martin is requesting herein extension of that initial grant for an additional one hundred eighty (180) days to cover the period required to conduct EOR and the in-orbit testing being conducted by the launch provider. The all-electric propulsion system of HS4 requires extended support for the completion of the mission.

Overall, the proposed TT&C operations in support of the HS4 launch will be on a strictly non-harmful interference, non-protected basis. When no commands are being sent, a CW carrier that is within the emission of the licensed operation would be present. In the case of an anomaly, extraordinary measures, such as increasing power, may be necessary; if such measures are required during this STA period, Lockheed Martin will notify the FCC within seven (7) business days that such measures were needed.

Lockheed Martin is submitting herewith a Frequency Coordination and Interference Analysis Report prepared by Comsearch. Lockheed Martin notes that the Comsearch Report has been modified from the Report submitted with the initial application to reflect an extended coordination term accounting for the six-month grant contemplated by this extension request and, to the extent necessary, any future extension requests, given the lengthy period of EOR operations.

¹ STA was granted under FCC File No. SES-STA-20181114-03198.

Lockheed Martin designates Michael Usarzewicz to be the contact person that will be available whenever transmission to SES-12 is to occur through the subject earth station. Mr. Usarzewicz can be reached at the following phone numbers:

(609) 865-2658 (cellular)
(908) 859-4050 (earth station desk)

2. Grant of the Requested Authority Will Serve the Public Interest

Lockheed Martin believes that the limited operations it proposes in support of the launch of the HS4 satellite serve the public interest. Lockheed Martin understands that the HS4 satellite will provide to provide in-orbit backup, redundancy services for HellasSat 4 and further expansion over Europe and Southern Africa, through increased Ku-band capacity. Lockheed Martin's Carpentersville earth station facility will be part of a global network of control and ranging facilities that will be used solely to position the satellite as it progresses from transfer orbit to its final location and to calibrate electric propulsion. No end user service will be provided within the United States at any time. The safe and orderly use of the entire geostationary orbital resource and protection of the hundreds of satellites licensed by the U.S. and other countries that operate there depends in no small part on ensuring that the HS4 satellite is controlled while over North America en route to its final geostationary orbital position. In this regard, Lockheed Martin's earth station thus will serve a vital function.

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Lockheed Martin requests authority to operate the subject earth station antennas to provide critical services during the EOR mission of the HellasSat 4/SaudiGeoSat 1 satellite, for a term of 180 days, commencing January 3, 2019.

TECHNICAL DETAILS OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Satellite Characteristics

Satellite: HellasSat 4/ SaudiGeoSat 1 Electric Orbit Raising
Orbital Location: 39.0° E.L.
Manufacturer: Lockheed Martin Corporation
Launch Vehicle: Ariane 5 ECA

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Earth Station Characteristics

Antenna: 2.4-m Prodelin
Antenna Location: 40°38' 41" N / 075° 11' 28" W
Telecommand Uplink Frequencies:
5949.22 MHz (LHCP/RHCP)
5950.67 MHz (LHCP/RHCP)
5963.03 MHz (LHCP/RHCP)
5964.49 MHz (LHCP/RHCP)
Antenna Gain: 42.0 dBi @ 6 GHz
Antenna Power: 13.3 dBW (into the flange)
Maximum EIRP: 55.3 dBW for all carriers
EIRP Density: 19.0 dBW/4kHz
Uplink Emission: 1M44G7W