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THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS NEW RULES CONCERNING INTERIM USE OF KU-BAND TEMPORARY FIXED EARTH STATIONS

This Public Notice is to remind applicants of new procedures governing applications for Ku-band Temporary Fixed earth stations that will allow them to expedite service to their customers. Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS) earth stations, other than Earth Stations on Vessels (ESVs), operating in fixed locations for up to 6 months are subject to Section 25.277 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.277, which contain provisions for Temporary Fixed earth stations. Some examples of Temporary Fixed earth stations are Satellite News Gathering (SNG) trucks and other transportable stations that do not transmit or receive while in motion. Applications for Temporary Fixed earth stations must be filed electronically using either Form 312, Main Form and Schedule B or Form 312EZ. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.115.

Pursuant to Section 25.151(e)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.151(e)(1), which became effective in 2005, Ku-band Temporary Fixed earth station applicants may consider their application "provisionally granted" and commence operations¹ upon the Bureau placing its application on Public Notice if:

- (i) frequencies are limited to the 14.0-14.5 GHz (Earth-to-space) band and 11.7-12.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) band;
- (ii) proposed operations are consistent with all routine-licensing requirements for these bands; and
- (iii) the points of communication are only satellites on the Permitted Space Station List.

¹ Commencement of operations, however, is at the applicant's own risk. If a comment or a petition to deny is filed against the application for regular authority within 30 days of public notice, the applicant must suspend operations immediately pending resolution of the issues raised in such comment or petition to deny. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.151(e)(2).

Therefore, any requests for Special Temporary Authority (STA) filed pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(3), when accompanied by an application for regular authority, that meet the above conditions, will be dismissed as MOOT upon the application for regular authority being placed on Public Notice.

Action by Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau.

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