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SPACE BUREAU OPENS PROCESSING ROUNDS

CUT-OFF ESTABLISHED FOR ADDITIONAL NGSO-LIKE SATELLITE SYSTEMS IN THE KU- AND KA-BANDS AND V-BAND

The Space Bureau (Bureau) initiates two new processing rounds for additional applications and petitions for declaratory ruling for operations in Ku- and Ka-band and in V-band frequencies by non-geostationary orbit fixed-satellite service (NGSO FSS) systems, pursuant to section 25.157 of the Commission's rules.¹

The Bureau initiates a new, third Ku-/Ka-band processing round open for applications and petitions for declaratory rulings concerning operations in the 10.7-12.7 GHz, 12.7-13.25 GHz, 13.75-14.0 GHz, 14.0-14.5 GHz, 15.43-15.63 GHz, 17.3-17.7 GHz, 17.7-17.8 GHz, 17.8-18.6 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 18.8-19.3 GHz, 19.3-19.7 GHz, 19.7-20.2 GHz, 24.75-25.75 GHz, 27.5-29.1 GHz, 29.1-29.5 GHz, and 29.5-30.0 GHz bands by NGSO FSS systems.² Most of these frequency bands were the subject of prior processing round public notices and filing deadlines.³

The Bureau also initiates a new, third V-band processing round for additional applications and petitions for declaratory ruling concerning operations in the 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz bands by NGSO FSS systems.⁴ These frequency bands were the subject of prior processing round public notices and filing deadlines.⁵

¹ 47 CFR § 25.157

² *Id.*

³ See *OneWeb Petition Accepted for Filing; Cut-Off Established for Additional NGSO-Like Satellite Applications or Petitions for Operations in the 10.7-12.7 GHz, 14.0-14.5 GHz, 17.8-18.6 GHz, 18.8-19.3 GHz, 27.5-28.35 GHz, 28.35-29.1 GHz, and 29.5-30.0 GHz Bands*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 7666 (IB Jul. 15, 2016); *Satellite Policy Branch Information: Cut-Off Established for Additional NGSO-Like Satellite Applications or Petitions for Operations in the 12.75-13.25 GHz, 13.85-14.0 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 19.3-20.2 GHz, and 29.1-29.5 GHz Bands*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 4180 (IB May 26, 2017) (collectively, the "First Ku-/Ka-band Processing Round"); see also *Satellite Policy Branch Information: Cut-Off Established for Additional NGSO FSS Applications or Petitions for Operations in the 10.7-12.7 GHz, 12.75-13.25 GHz, 13.8-14.5 GHz, 17.7-18.6 GHz, 18.8-20.2 GHz, and 27.5-30.0 GHz Bands*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2881 (IB Mar. 24, 2020) ("Second Ku-/Ka-band Processing Round"). We note that the 12.7-12.75 GHz, 15.43-15.63 GHz, 17.3-17.7 GHz, and 24.75-25.75 GHz bands have not been the subject of prior processing round public notices and filing deadlines.

⁴ 47 CFR § 25.157.

⁵ See *Boeing Application Accepted for Filing in Part; Cut-Off Established for Additional NGSO-Like Satellite Applications or Petitions for Operations in the 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz Bands*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 11957 (IB Nov. 1, 2016) ("First V-band Processing Round"); *Satellite Policy*

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The Bureau has received and accepted for filing several applications requesting to operate in these listed frequency bands filed after the cut-off date established for the respective prior processing rounds.⁶ The comment period on each of these applications and petitions has since closed and, accordingly, the Bureau does not seek further comment on these applications at this time.⁷ The Bureau granted three of these applications authorizing NGSO FSS operations in certain requested frequency bands conditioned on and subject to the opening of a future processing round in the relevant band and any associated sharing requirements that the Commission may adopt.

On January 9, 2026, the Bureau granted SpaceX authority to launch and operate an additional 7,500 Gen2 Starlink satellites and to communicate in certain Ku-, Ka-, V-, E-, and W-band frequencies.⁸ This *SpaceX Gen2 V3 Upgrade Order* also granted SpaceX's request for waiver of the processing round rules for operations in the following bands: 12.7-13.25 GHz, 13.75-14.0 GHz, 14.5-14.75 GHz, 14.75-14.80 GHz, 15.43-15.63 GHz, 17.3-17.8 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 19.3-19.7 GHz, 24.75-25.25 GHz, 29.1-29.5 GHz, 42.0-42.5 GHz, 51.4-52.4 GHz, 92.0-94.0 GHz, 94.1-95.0 GHz, 95.0-100.0 GHz, 102.0-109.5 GHz, and 111.8-114.25 GHz.⁹ It also granted a waiver of the processing round rules for the additional 7,500 satellites authorized to operate in the 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz bands.¹⁰ This waiver was conditioned upon SpaceX's participation in a future processing round that the Commission may open for these bands.¹¹ We therefore include SpaceX's operations, as authorized and conditioned in the *SpaceX Gen2 V3 Upgrade Order*, in the respective third Ku-/Ka-band and third V-band processing rounds for its operations in the following frequency bands: 12.7-13.25 GHz, 13.75-14.0

Branch Information; Cut-Off Established for Additional NGSO-Like Satellite Systems in the 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz Bands, Public Notice, Report No. SPB-288, DA 21-941 (Aug. 4, 2021) ("Second V-band Processing Round").

⁶ See *Space Exploration Holdings, LLC, Request for Deployment and Operating Authority for the SpaceX Gen2 NGSO Satellite System*, Order and Authorization, DA 26-36 (SB Jan. 9, 2026) (*SpaceX Gen2 V3 Upgrade Order*); *Kuiper Systems LLC*, Grant Stamp, ICFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20211104-00145 and SAT-AMD-20250311-00068 (SB Feb. 10, 2026) (*Amazon Gen2 and Polar Authorization*); *Logos Space Services*, Grant Stamp, ICFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20241030-00243 and SAT-AMD-20250328-00084 (SB Jan. 30, 2026) (*Logos Authorization*); SN Space Systems Limited, Petition for Declaratory Ruling for Authority to Serve the U.S. Market Using a Multi-Band NGSO Constellation, ICFS File No. SAT-LOA-20211104-00147 (SN Space Application). SN Space later filed a request to convert its petition for market access into an application for an FSS space station license. See SN Space Systems Limited, Amendment to Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Authorize the Proposed Multi-Band NGSO Constellation as a U.S.-Licensed Satellite System, SAT-AMD-20230808-00193 (SN Space Amendment).

⁷ These processing rounds are specifically limited to the frequency bands in the Ku- and Ka-bands and the V-band listed above. We are neither setting a deadline nor inviting additional applications for the additional frequency bands requested by SpaceX, Amazon, or Logos that are not allocated for non-Federal FSS.

⁸ See *SpaceX Gen2 V3 Upgrade Order*.

⁹ *SpaceX Gen2 V3 Upgrade Order* at 7, n. 39. We note that the 42.0-42.5 GHz, 51.4-52.4 GHz, 92.0-94.0 GHz, 94.1-95.0 GHz, 95.0-100.0 GHz, 102.0-109.5 GHz, and 111.8-114.25 GHz bands are not included in the processing rounds we open today. Additionally, SpaceX was granted authority in 2024 to operate in the 71.0-76.0 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 81.0-86.0 (Earth-to-space) GHz bands (the E-band) pursuant to a waiver of the processing round rules, conditioned upon participation in a future processing round opened by the Commission. See *Space Exploration Holdings, LLC, Request for Orbital Deployment and Operating Authority for the SpaceX Gen2 NGSO Satellite System*, Order and Authorization, 39 FCC Rcd 2159 at para. 12 (SB rel. Mar. 8, 2024) (*SpaceX Gen2 E-Band Partial Grant*) (waiving the processing round procedures for SpaceX's operations in the E-band on the Space Bureau's own motion). SpaceX request for authorization for an additional 14,988 satellites that includes a request for waiver of the section 25.157 processing round rules for frequencies in the Ku, Ka-, and V-bands is still pending. See *SpaceX Gen2 V3 Upgrade Order* at para. 5 (deferring action on remaining 14,988 proposed Gen2 Starlink satellites).

¹⁰ *Id.* at 7, n. 40.

¹¹ *Id.* at 8 ("SpaceX must participate in any future processing round the Commission may open in any of these bands.").

GHz, 14.5-14.75 GHz, 14.75-14.80 GHz, 15.43-15.63 GHz, 17.3-17.8 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 19.3-19.7 GHz, 24.75-25.25 GHz, 29.1-29.5 GHz, 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz.¹²

On February 10, 2026, the Bureau granted Amazon Leo¹³ authority to: (1) launch and operate an additional 4,504 satellites as part of its Gen2 and Polar constellations and communicate in certain Ku-, Ka-, and V-band frequencies; and (2) to add additional frequency bands in the Ka- and V-band frequencies to its Gen1 constellation authorization.¹⁴ The *Amazon Gen2 and Polar Authorization* also granted Amazon a waiver of the processing round rules for the following frequency bands: 10.7-12.7 GHz, 12.75-13.25 GHz, 14.0-14.5 GHz, 17.3-17.8 GHz, 17.8-18.6 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 18.8-19.4 GHz, 19.4-19.6 GHz, 19.6-20.2 GHz, 27.5-30.0 GHz, 42.0-42.5 GHz, and 51.4-52.4 GHz.¹⁵ This waiver was conditioned upon Amazon's participation in a future processing round for these bands.¹⁶ We therefore include Amazon Leo's operations, as authorized and conditioned in the *Amazon Gen2 and Polar Authorization* grant, in the third Ku-/Ka-band processing round for the following frequency bands: 10.7-12.7 GHz, 12.75-13.25 GHz, 14.0-14.5 GHz, 17.3-17.8 GHz, 17.8-18.6 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 18.8-19.4 GHz, 19.4-19.6 GHz, 19.6-20.2 GHz, and 27.5-30.0 GHz.

On January 30, 2026, the Bureau granted Logos Space Services, Inc. (Logos) authority to launch and operate a constellation of 4,178 satellites in certain S-, Ka-, V-, and E-band frequencies.¹⁷ The Bureau also granted Logos a waiver of the processing round rules for the following bands: 21.2-23.55 GHz, 25.5-27.0 GHz, 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 42.0-42.5 GHz, 47.0-47.2 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz.¹⁸ This waiver was conditioned upon Logos's participation in a future processing round for these bands.¹⁹ We therefore include Logos operations, as authorized and conditioned in the

¹² We note that SpaceX's initial 7,500 Gen2 satellites that are authorized to operate in the V-band were included in the first V-band processing round and are not included in this third processing round. See *SpaceX Gen2 V3 Upgrade Order*.

¹³ "Amazon Leo" was formerly known as "Project Kuiper." For the sake of consistency and clarity, we refer to the licensee as "Amazon" in this Public Notice.

¹⁴ See *Amazon Gen2 and Polar Authorization*. Amazon first filed an application for authority to operate in certain Ku- and V-band frequencies as part of the *2nd V-band Processing Round*. See Kuiper Systems LLC, Application of Kuiper Systems LLC for Authority to Launch and Operate a Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit System in V-band and Ku-band Frequencies, SAT-LOA-20211104-00145 (Amazon Gen2 Application). Amazon requested that its application for Ku-band frequencies be treated as a lead application to initiate another Ku-band processing round. See SAT-LOA-20211104-00145, Legal Narrative at 1 ("Amazon's . . . request for Ku-band frequencies may be treated as a lead application for the purposes of initiating a processing round."). Amazon later filed an amendment to its Gen2 Application to add certain frequencies in the Ku-, Ka-, and V-band to its Gen1, Gen2, and Polar Systems. See Kuiper Systems LLC, Application to Amend Pending Application for Authority to Launch and Operate a Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit System in V-band, Ku-band, Ka-band, and 17 GHz Band Frequencies, SAT-AMD-20250311-00068 (Amazon Gen2 and Polar Amendment). These applications were granted on February 10, 2026. We note that Amazon Leo refers to the authorized system formally known as Project Kuiper.

¹⁵ See *Amazon Gen2 and Polar Authorization*, at 7, n. 30, 31. We do not initiate a processing round for the 42.0-42.5 GHz and 51.4-52.4 GHz bands.

¹⁶ *Id.* at 7, para. 9.

¹⁷ See *Logos Authorization*.

¹⁸ See *Logos Authorization* at paras. 3, 9. We do not include the 21.2-23.55 GHz, 25.5-27.0 GHz, 42.0-42.5 GHz, or 47.0-47.2 GHz bands in either of the new processing rounds because these bands are not allocated to FSS. See 47 CFR § 2.106(a).

¹⁹ *Id.* at 8. We note that the Logos application for authority requested a waiver of the Commission's rules to permit inclusion of the requested V-band frequencies in the Second V-band Processing Round even though the application was filed after the cut-off date established for that round. The Bureau denied this request and therefore Logos's

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Logos Authorization grant, in the third V-band processing round for the following frequency bands: 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz.

SN Space Systems LLC (SN Space) timely filed an application in the second V-Band Processing Round requesting authority to operate in V-band frequencies. The application additionally requested authorization in certain Ku-band and Ka-band frequencies and requested that the Commission initiate a third Ku-/Ka-band processing round in the following bands: 13.75-14.0 GHz, 14.0-14.5 GHz, 17.8-19.3 GHz, 19.3-19.7 GHz, 19.7-20.2 GHz, and 27.5-30.0 GHz.²⁰ This application remains pending for all requested frequency bands and we therefore include this application, with respect to only the requested Ku- and Ka-bands, in the third Ku-/Ka-band processing round.²¹

Any applications that were filed after the cut-off dates established for the Second Ku-/Ka-band Processing Round and Second V-band Processing Round that both requested authority to operate in any of the frequency bands included in the third Ku-/Ka-band or V-band processing rounds and requested a waiver of the Commission's processing round rules to operate in those bands are *not* included in the third processing rounds. Any requested waiver will be considered in connection with any further action on the relevant application. However, any such applicants with pending applications that include a request for waiver of the processing round rules who wish for the application to be considered in a third processing round must file an appropriate request before the cut-off date established in this Public Notice.²²

Additional Applications. We invite additional applications and petitions for declaratory ruling for NGSO FSS satellite operations in the 10.7-12.7 GHz, 12.75-13.25 GHz, 13.75-14.0 GHz, 14.0-14.5 GHz, 15.43-15.63 GHz, 17.3-17.7 GHz, 17.7-17.8 GHz, 17.8-18.6 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 18.8-19.3 GHz, 19.3-19.7 GHz, 19.7-20.2 GHz, 24.75-25.75 GHz, 27.5-30.0 GHz, 37.5-40.0 GHz, 40.0-42.0 GHz, 47.2-50.2 GHz, and 50.4-51.4 GHz bands. Applications and petitions filed by **July 6, 2026** will be considered together in the Ku-/Ka-band and/or the V-band processing round. Requests filed after this date may not be entitled to shared use of this spectrum with equal status with respect to any grant of applications or petitions filed prior to the cut-off date for these new processing rounds. Applications must be filed electronically through ICFS at <https://fccprod.servicenowservices.com/icfs>.

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operations in the V-band frequencies specified above are included in this third V-band processing round. *See Logos Authorization* at 6, Condition 8.

²⁰ *See* SN Space Application, Legal Narrative at 8, ICFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20211104-00147, SAT-AMD-20230808-00193.

²¹ We note that the SN Space application is currently under review with the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector and any Commission action on this item is subject to the outcome of the completed review. *See* Letter from Lucas Evans, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications and Supply Chain Unit, Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, SN Space Systems Limited and SN Space Systems LLC (TT Case No.26-001/ICFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20211104-00147, SAT-AMD-20230808-00193) (filed April 16, 2026).

²² Applicants wishing to withdraw their processing round waiver request may do so by submitting a supplement to the application in ICFS. This supplement should identify the relevant frequency bands in which they seek authority to operate pursuant to the third Ku-/Ka-band processing round or third V-band processing round. Applicants should also send a copy of the supplement to Jameyanne Fuller (Jameyanne.Fuller@fcc.gov), Carolyn Mahoney (Carolyn.Mahoney@fcc.gov), and Brandon Padgett (Brandon.Padgett@fcc.gov).