

**United States of America  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
EXPERIMENTAL  
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION**

EXPERIMENTAL

(Nature of Service)

WF9XGI

(Call Sign)

XT    FX MO

(Class of Station)

0194-EX-ST-2021

(File Number)

NAME Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

This Special Temporary Authorization is granted upon the express condition that it may be terminated by the Commission at any time without advance notice or hearing if in its discretion the need for such action arises. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a finding by the Commission that the authority herein granted is or will be in the public interest beyond the express terms hereof.

This Special Temporary Authorization shall not vest in the grantee any right to operate the station nor any right in the use of the frequencies designated in the authorization beyond the term hereof, nor in any other manner than authorized herein. Neither the authorization nor the right granted hereunder shall be assigned or otherwise transferred in violation of the Communications Act of 1934. This authorization is subject to the right of use of control the Government of the United States conferred by Section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934.

Special Temporary Authority is hereby granted to operate the apparatus described below:

**Purpose Of Operation:**

STA is required for Dragon capsule communications for SpaceX Commercial Crew vehicle mission to the ISS.

Station Locations

- (1) Cape Canaveral (BREVARD), FL - NL 28-36-30; WL 80-36-15; MOBILE: Space: Dragon S-Band Directional Array, centered around NL 28-36-30; WL 80-36-15

**Frequency Information**

Cape Canaveral (BREVARD), FL - NL 28-36-30; WL 80-36-15; MOBILE: Space: Dragon S-Band Directional Array, centered a

Frequency	Station Class	Emission Designator	Authorized Power	Frequency Tolerance (+/-)
2203.2 MHz	MO	4M20G1D 4M15G1D	193 W (ERP)	0.001 %
2216 MHz	MO	2M73F1D 4M65F1D	193 W (ERP)	0.001 %

This authorization effective March 30, 2021 and will expire 3:00 A.M. EST September 30, 2021

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Frequency	Station Class	Emission Designator	Authorized Power	Frequency Tolerance (+/-)
2287.5 MHz	MO	4M80G1D	193 W (ERP)	0.001 %

## Special Conditions:

- (1) SpaceX shall be aware that future non-federal on-orbit operations will be considered on a case-by-case basis, especially for requests in the band 2200-2290 MHz, and SpaceX shall have no expectations that future on-orbit operations will be approved.
- (2) As soon as possible, but no later than 60 business days prior to the planned launch, SpaceX is required to provide, as a minimum, launch date/time/window and planned Dragon 2 trajectory from launch to capture by the International Space Station (ISS), and transmission frequencies with associated duration/cut-off time to Jimmy Nguyen (jimmy.nguyen@us.af.mil, AFSMO), Shaobei Xu (shaobei.xu.1@us.af.mil, AFSMO), Felipe Arroyo (felipe.arroyo-1@nasa.gov, NASA/WFF), NASA GSFC Spectrum Office (nasa-dl-gsfc-spectrum-management@mail.nasa.gov), Stephen Horan (stephen.j.horan@nasa.gov, NASA/LaRC), NOAA Satellite Operations Control Center (matt.g.sullivan@noaa.gov), Richard Ontiveros, (richard.ontiveros1@navy.mil, NMSC), and Cathy Sham (catherine.c.sham@nasa.gov). In the event of last-minute changes, 48-hour notice is required.
- (3) SpaceX shall keep a log of all transmissions in the band 2200-2290 MHz that shall be provided to the NTIA after the mission. This log shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, frequency, e.i.r.p density, pointing direction of the antennae. The log shall be provided to the following NTIA personnel no later than three (3) weeks after completion of the mission: Rob Avery at ravery@ntia.gov and Ed Drocella at edrocella@ntia.gov
- (4) Due to potential harmful interference to naval activities, SpaceX RF operations plan shall be submitted, at least 60 days prior to planned launch date, to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD), Mr. James Moneyhon (540) 653-3477, or james.moneyhon@navy.mil, for assessment, Mr. A. Jason Verdugo, (540) 653-9590 – Anthony.J.Verdugo@navy.mil, and/or Mr. Phillip B. Scyphers, (540) 653-6071 – Phillip.scyphers@navy.mil. Group email box W\_DLGR\_NSWC\_FTMA\_FM@navy.mil One or all of the following BOZs may be implemented. (1) 1500 nautical mile radius centered at 22N160W; (2) 1500 nautical mile radius centered at 33.25N119.57W; (3) 1500 nautical mile radius centered at 4.11N175.2W; (4) 1500 nautical mile radius centered at 57.46N152.38W; (5) 1500 nautical mile radius centered at 32.37N106.47W and (6) 1500 nautical mile radius centered at 57.34N7.35W. Coordination of the SpaceX operations schedule and timeline, and any and all restrictions that may be levied by the NSWCDD, including imposition and implementation of a BOZ, shall be coordinated through NASA JSC Spectrum Manager, Cathy Sham (catherine.c.sham@nasa.gov).

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- (5) All transmissions in the band 2200-2290 MHz shall comply with national and international power flux density limits (PFD), except in cases where expected exceedance are pre-coordinated and agreed. PFD analysis and exceedances shall be included in the FCC STA application and provided in the request to the NTIA for US Government review and assessment.
- (6) Prior to transmitting at Cape Canaveral AFS, Florida, SpaceX shall coordinate and schedule their operations with Range Scheduling, COMM: (321) 853-5941, email: 1ropschd@us.af.mil, NASA KSC Spectrum Management Office, Jamie Bjornbak at 321.867.6905 or James.P.Bjornbak@nasa.gov, and NASA GSFC Spectrum Office (nasa-dl-gsfc-spectrum-management@mail.nasa.gov). SpaceX shall provide a copy of all FCC licenses supporting operations to the 45th Space Wing Spectrum Management Office, (321)-853-8408, email: 45sw.erfmo@us.af.mil with Cc'ing DoD EAFC (321)-853-8426, email: 45sw.dodeafc@us.af.mil.
- (7) Due to potential harmful interference to the Deep Space Network (DSN) ground stations, Dragon 2 transmissions using 2203.2 MHz, 2216 MHz, or 2287.5 MHz shall not occur when the Dragon 2 is in view of the following deep space earth stations from horizon to horizon: Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex (GDSCC) [35° 25' 32.84" N, 116° 53' 22.09" W], Madrid Deep Space Communications Complex (MDSCC) [40° 25' 52.37" N, 04° 14' 52.8" W], Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex (CDSCC) [35° 24' 08.96" S, 148° 58' 52.93" E], and New Norcia Station [31° 02' 53.61" S, 116° 11' 29.4" E]. Coordination requests for clearance to transmit shall be provided to the NASA JSC Spectrum Manager, Cathy Sham (catherine.c.sham@nasa.gov) at least 7 business days prior to communication system activation.
- (8) The STOP BUZZER POC information for all operations shall be provided to NTIA (ravery@ntia.gov). This phone shall be manned 24/7.
- (9) For Dragon 2 departure/re-entry operations, including pre-departure checkout, requests for coordination shall be provided to NASA JSC Spectrum Manager, Cathy Sham (catherine.c.sham@nasa.gov) for coordination with authorized users at least 14 business days prior to communications activation related to pre-departure checkout, departure preparation, or departure operation. Requests for coordination shall include, at a minimum, planned communication timelines with start/end time, receiving station location, transmit/receive parameters/power/bandwidth, and spacecraft trajectory/orbital locations.
- (10) Transmission using a frequency of 2216.0 MHz and an emission designator of 4M65F1D shall be limited to ascent and re-entry mission phases. Transmission using a frequency of 2216.0 MHz and an emission designator of 4M65F1D is strictly prohibited for use during on-orbit operations.
- (11) Transmission using a frequency of 2203.2 MHz shall be limited to space-to-space communication with the International Space Station (ISS) during approach and departure mission phases while within 30 km of the ISS.
- (12) This STA is limited to a single Dragon 2 capsule telemetry, tracking, and command operations for the upcoming SpaceX Dragon 2 mission to the International Space Station (ISS). This STA will expire when the Dragon 2 completes its re-entry/splashdown operation or 30 September 2021, whichever occurs first. Any future missions shall submit new applications to the FCC to be re-coordinated with the NTIA.

**Special Conditions:**

- (13) During Dragon 2 lift-off/ascent (from launch to launch + 13 minutes) and on-orbit mission phases (after lift-off/ascent, free flight, or attached to the International Space Station), SpaceX shall provide the radio frequency operation plan to NASA JSC Spectrum Manager, Cathy Sham (catherine.c.sham@nasa.gov) for coordination with authorized users prior to scheduling. The request for use of lift-off/ascent communications shall be provided at least 30 days prior to launch, and the request for on-orbit operations shall be provided at least 7 business days prior to any planned transmission operation.
- (14) All SpaceX operations granted on an experimental basis shall be on an unprotected, non-interference basis to authorized federal stations.