

Firefly Aerospace, Inc. (“Firefly Aerospace”) and AE Industrial Partners Fund II, LP (“AE Industrial Partners”) respectfully request the consent of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) to the change of control of Firefly Aerospace in connection with the acquisition of the majority of Firefly Aerospace’s equity by special purpose acquisition vehicles controlled by AE Industrial Partners. As stated below, the acquisition will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and the parties respectfully request that the Commission expeditiously grant such application.

There are no other transfer-of-control applications concerning this transaction before other FCC bureaus. As a result, this application is suitable for immediate grant.

I. The Parties

Firefly Aerospace, incorporated in Delaware and headquartered in Cedar Park, Texas, is an end-to-end space transportation company. Firefly Aerospace provides private and government entities a wide array of space transportation services, including small launch capabilities, delivery of payloads to the lunar surface, and repositioning of satellites using its Space Utility Vehicle.

AE Industrial Partners, incorporated in Delaware and headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida, is a private equity firm specializing in aerospace, defense and government services, space, power generation, and other specialty industrial markets. As one of the largest and most experienced private equity funds specializing in the aerospace and related industries, AE Industrial Partners is able to provide a powerful level of industry insight and strategic direction to its portfolio companies that helps drive their success.

II. Nature of the Transaction

AE Industrial Partners, through special purpose acquisition vehicles, is acquiring control of Firefly Aerospace through two separate transactions: the purchase of all of Noosphere Venture Partners, LP’s, a current equityholder in Firefly Aerospace, equity interest in Firefly Aerospace (the “Secondary Transaction”) and a \$75 million direct equity investment in Firefly Aerospace through a Series B preferred equity round (the “Primary Transaction”). Following the Primary Transaction and Secondary Transaction, AE Industrial Partners will own over 50% of Firefly Aerospace’s equity and voting interest percentage and will have the right to appoint a majority of Firefly Aerospace’s Board of Directors. But Firefly Aerospace will continue serving as the authorization holder.

III. Current Licenses & Applications

Firefly Aerospace has a single special temporary authorization (“STA”) issued by the FCC: 1683-EX-ST-2021 (WS9XWJ). There are no other authorizations issued or applications pending issuance with the FCC at this time. The 1683-EX-ST-2021 STA is for FLT002 of Firefly’s Alpha rocket and is the only license subject to this request.

IV. Public Interest Statement

Firefly Aerospace and AE Industrial Partners respectfully request that the Commission approve this application for consent to the change of control of Firefly Aerospace because it will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Firefly Aerospace seeks to provide essential space transportation services to U.S. government entities that directly impact national security. Firefly's Alpha rocket also provides companies with a low-cost option to place satellites into orbit, increasing the nation's technological capabilities.

V. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Firefly Aerospace and AE Industrial Partners respectfully request that the Commission grant the application for transfer of control.