

This application follows STA 0905-EX-ST-2023 which was granted for a term ending May 2, 2024. When originally filed, the 0905-EX-ST-2023 6-month window encompassed KREPE-2's almost 5-month mission from launch to splashdown. However, due to launch provider delays, the end date for the KREPE-2 project now falls outside the STA 0905-EX-ST-2023 duration. The decision was made to apply for an experimental license with an approximately year-long time window. The longer time window should eliminate the need to file for another license should there be any further unexpected launch delays.

The requested window should commence May 2, 2024, and terminate on June 12, 2025. The requested end date is to align with the Iridium companion license end date (application 1598-EX-CN-2023).