

Sirius XM Radio Inc., Request for Special Temporary Authorization Related to
Emergency Relief Efforts in Haiti, Call Sign S2710

Sirius XM Radio Inc. (“Sirius XM”), by its attorneys and pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 25.120, hereby requests Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) related to its emergency relief efforts in Haiti.

The January 12, 2010 earthquake in the Caribbean has caused tremendous damage to the nation of Haiti, including disabling many means of mass communication. Conversations Sirius XM has held with the United States Department of State and the Federal Communications Commission’s International Bureau, indicate that relief efforts would be aided by the establishment of another means of disseminating reliable information to the emergency response community and the general public of Haiti. Sirius XM is in the process of taking several steps to satisfy this need for information.

Sirius XM will devote a channel exclusively to disaster communications related to the Haiti relief effort. The Haiti emergency relief information channel will be a “free to air” channel, meaning that it will be immediately available to all Sirius satellite radios without the need for the radio’s user to contact Sirius XM to activate the radio. In order to facilitate reception of this service, Sirius XM is coordinating with the State Department, which intends to deliver 500 Sirius radios to Haiti plus “boom boxes” in which those radios can operate by batteries or other means. Working in cooperation with the State Department, the content broadcast over the channel will either be an Creole-language emergency feed from the Voice of America or a broadcast feed from a Haitian radio station that has lost transmission capabilities. In either case, Sirius XM will establish the communication link to transmit the programming to its facilities to be uplinked to the satellite for broadcast to Haiti.

This emergency channel will be made available on the Sirius network using the Sirius FM-5 geostationary satellite at the 96.0° W.L. orbital location. This satellite can provide adequate coverage to Haiti without any change to the satellite’s technical parameters already approved by the Commission.