

PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

By this application, ICEYE US, Inc. (“ICEYE US”) seeks approval from the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to assign the satellite license, Call Sign S3067, from R2 Space, LLC (“R2”) to ICEYE US.¹ ICEYE US is in negotiations to acquire title to XR-1, the lone satellite operated by R2, after appropriate regulatory approvals have been granted.

ICEYE US is an established operator of remote sensing satellites pursuant to licenses issued by the FCC and NOAA. The FCC has authorized ICEYE US to launch and operate a constellation of six remote sensing satellites. Call Sign S3082, File No. SAT-LOA-20210212-00021. ICEYE US has launched four of its satellites, and the remaining two satellites are scheduled to be launched in June 2023. On April 4, 2023, ICEYE US filed an application for authority to launch and operate eight additional remote sensing satellites. Call Sign S3165; File No. SAT-LOA-20230404-00070.

Grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by enabling ICEYE US to add another remote sensing satellite to its portfolio of satellites, thereby helping to meet the requirements of its government and commercial customers for additional capacity and greater global coverage.

ICEYE US, based in Irvine, California, is a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of ICEYE OY, a private company headquartered in Espoo, Finland. ICEYE OY was founded in 2012 to provide satellite-based remote sensing using synthetic aperture radar (“SAR”) from a constellation of small satellites in low earth orbit. To date, ICEYE OY has raised \$304 million in private equity funding. ICEYE OY operates a constellation of SAR satellites that provide persistent monitoring capabilities to government and commercial customers. ICEYE OY’s first-of-its-kind system offers global access and rapid dissemination of unclassified, shareable, high resolution imagery.

ICEYE US was founded in 2020 to build, own and operate U.S. licensed satellites. ICEYE US operates its own Mission Control Center in Irvine, CA. ICEYE US provides an efficient and dependable complement to the suite of earth observation tools deployed by the U.S. Government.

¹ R2 Space, Inc. and Meta Aerospace, LLC (“Meta”) filed an application on April 23, 2021 seeking FCC consent, *nunc pro tunc*, for the transfer of control of R2 Space, Inc. to Meta. That application remains pending. File No. SAT-T/C-20210423-00056. After filing the application for transfer of control, R2 Space, Inc. filed an application for special temporary authority for the *pro forma* assignment of the license issued under Call Sign S3067 from the initial licensee, R2 Space, Inc. to R2 Space, LLC, under the same ownership, to reflect the conversion of the licensee entity to a limited liability corporation. File No. SAT-ASG-20220719-00069.