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VIA ECFS

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Gogo Business Aviation LLC (SCR0001134; FRN: 0020528535)
FCC Form 5640: Status Update
WC Docket No. 18-89**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In connection with the attached Status Update, Gogo Business Aviation LLC (Gogo) respectfully requests that the FCC withhold from public inspection, and grant confidential treatment to, portions of the Status Update marked as confidential (Confidential Information).¹ Gogo is submitting the Status Update in connection with its participation in the FCC's Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program (SCR0).²

Gogo is furnishing proprietary and confidential business information that Gogo does not make available for public inspection. Pursuant to Section 552(b) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA),³ including FOIA Exemption 4 (protecting from disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information"),⁴ and Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the FCC's rules,⁵ such information should be withheld from public inspection.

Confidential treatment is being requested for the following SCR0 document:

- File No. SC-SU0003219, dated April 1, 2025

¹ Confidential Information is denoted with: {[]}.

² *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, Third Report and Order, 36 FCC Rcd 11958 (2021); *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, Second Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14284 (2020).

³ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

In accordance with Section 0.459 of the FCC's rules, Gogo supports its request as follows:

(1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

Gogo seeks confidential treatment for Confidential Information submitted with its Status Update, which includes detailed non-public timing and logistics pertaining to Gogo's participation in the SCRP.

(2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

Gogo is submitting the Status Update in connection with its participation in the SCRP (WC Docket No. 18-89).

(3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The Status Update contains proprietary commercial and operational information intended to provide maximum disclosure to the Commission of Gogo's work to permanently remove, replace, and dispose of covered communications equipment or services in its network. All Confidential Information is kept confidential by Gogo, and to the extent such information involves any negotiations or agreements with third parties, such information is similarly kept confidential by the respective parties. Confidential Information is not disclosed to the public in the ordinary course because it relates to Gogo's highly sensitive internal operations.

(4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

Gogo competes for subscribers in the highly competitive business aviation broadband industry. Gogo's competitive advantages in the industry are drawn in large part from its unique operational capabilities.

(5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Disclosure of the Confidential Information would have a substantial adverse impact on Gogo because it would provide access to sensitive and proprietary information regarding its provision of services and its removal, replacement, and disposal process, including highly sensitive details of Gogo's operations. This information is not publicly disclosed in the ordinary course and could be used to Gogo's detriment by its competitors or parties with whom it engages in high stakes negotiations.

(6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

Gogo does not publicly disclose the Confidential Information contained in the Status Update in the normal course of business, and any party with which Gogo shares Confidential Information is subject to strict contractual confidentiality obligations.

(7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

Gogo does not make the Confidential Information available to the public or to any third parties, except for any third parties with which it has direct contractual relationships. As discussed in #6, any such relationship is bound by strict contractual confidentiality obligations.

(8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that the material should not be available for public disclosure:

Gogo requests permanent confidential treatment and non-disclosure because it is impossible to predict when the information contained in the Status Update would no longer be useful to Gogo's competitors, other third parties, or, in light of the national security risks contemplated by the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act and the ongoing Commission proceeding, malignant entities that would seek to take advantage of potential security vulnerabilities in the nation's communications networks.⁶

For the foregoing reasons, Gogo submits that good cause exists to grant this request for confidential treatment. Accordingly, Gogo urges the FCC to grant this request and withhold the Confidential Information from public inspection. To the extent that the FCC disagrees and denies this request, Gogo requests that the enclosed materials be returned to it without consideration, pursuant to Section 0.459(e) of the FCC's Rules.⁷

Enclosed is a redacted copy of the Status Update. Please direct any questions or inquiries regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁶ Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-124, 134 Stat. 158 (2020) (codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. §§ 1601–1609).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(e).

SCRPS Status Update

FCC Form 5640

OMB Control No. 3060-1270

File No. SC-SU0003219

Applicant Information

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*Indicate which deadline you are meeting with this filing.

2025-04-03

Explanation of Effort and Availability of Commercial Equipment

*Provide an explanation of efforts undertaken, and challenges encountered, in permanently removing, replacing, and disposing of covered communications equipment or service.

Gogo Business Aviation LLC (Gogo) continues to work with its ground-based network vendor selected to provide replacement network components and equipment, along with system-based software which enables end-to-end functionality of said components and equipment.

As outlined in Gogo's previous Status Report (filed Dec. 23, 2024), Gogo was awaiting the availability of Highly Accelerated Life Testing (HALT) test results for the items in-scope for the previously exited Shelter Equipment Critical Design Review (CDR); those results have since been delivered and reviewed, with no findings or concerns based on analysis.

Gogo has issued a purchase order to their selected vendor, for network equipment to satisfy the replacement of the current Air-to-Ground (ATG) network; this is a large-scale order and is a key piece/deliverable of Gogo's overall SCRP plan.

A formal delivery timeline for this network equipment is still under review with Gogo's selected vendor; opportunities for accelerated delivery will be explored, pending evaluation and viability. Gogo anticipates being able to provide further details on the network equipment delivery timeline in subsequent Status Report filings.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Explain whether you are finding commercially available equipment in the marketplace. If not, then explain efforts taken to obtain replacement equipment.

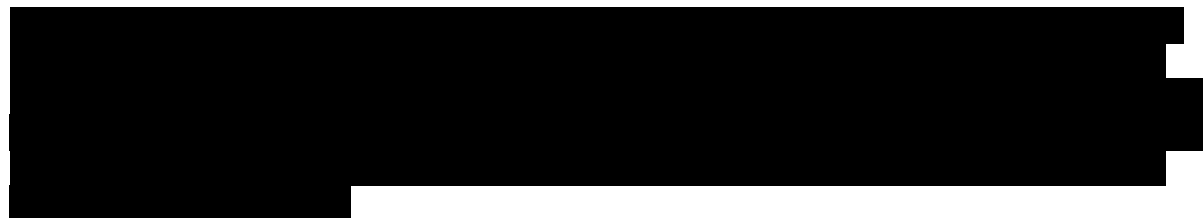
As outlined above, Gogo has placed a large-scale network equipment order with their selected vendor. Delivery lead time for this equipment is currently under review and will likely be reported/confirmed in a subsequent Status Report filing.

As mentioned in previous Status Reports and Extension Requests, Gogo's use case is unique. Gogo must replace its ground-based terrestrial ATG network to remove the targeted ZTE equipment, and Gogo must also replace the airborne equipment installed on customer aircraft. This airborne equipment was designed and built to connect to Gogo's current ground-based ATG network to provide inflight connectivity to passengers.

To be compatible with Gogo's replacement ATG network, aircraft must be outfitted with, at a minimum, a specific baseline updated version of LTE-based functional hardware; otherwise, Gogo's existing customers will be left with non-functioning equipment on their aircraft after Gogo's nationwide "flash" cutover to its forthcoming non-ZTE network. The upgrade process comes in several forms, and the appropriate solution for each aircraft depends on the hardware currently installed (in addition to the customer's business and cost considerations and willingness to ground the aircraft for an extended period).

For example, a subset of Gogo's customers operates the legacy (Classic) ATG airborne system. Because the Classic system is CDMA EVDO-only and cannot be made compatible with Gogo's forthcoming non-ZTE LTE network, these customers must either install Gogo's AVANCE system or adopt an interim solution—Gogo C1 (described in greater detail in Gogo's previous Status Report)—to ensure continued service after the cutover. Another subset of customers uses an earlier version of the AVANCE system, which also operates using CDMA EVDO-only functionality. However, unlike the Classic system, this version can be retrofitted through a hardware swap to add LTE functionality, allowing it to operate on the new non-ZTE network. AVANCE is a long-term commercialized solution intended to remain on the aircraft and provide LTE-based ATG service.

Gogo relies on a network of highly specialized partner Maintenance & Repair Organizations (MROs) to support replacing its current airborne equipment. Mirroring the aviation market more broadly, Gogo's MRO partner network continues to experience constraints and labor shortages. As a result, Gogo customers may experience longer lead times and delays when seeking to replace airborne equipment in connection with the Reimbursement Program. Gogo assists customers with the necessary airborne equipment updates, including through customer promotions to incentivize equipment changes. However, continued MRO labor shortages risk delaying this process.



As mentioned in our most recent Status Report, Gogo recently launched the "Gogo C1" product, a new option for customers as a replacement airborne equipment system. At the time of this current Report's submission, Gogo either has already, or is preparing to submit for reimbursement, a customer rebate plan (one of the customer promotions discussed above). tied to selection and install of the new Gogo C1 system.

* If there is additional information relevant to the preceding questions or that you believe the Commission should be aware of, please include the information below.

As Gogo has noted in past Status Reports, Extension Requests, and in communications with FCC staff, Gogo's original program application timeline contemplated several Extension Requests. Gogo continues to execute against program plans, mainly in the areas of equipment sourcing/ordering, equipment/network design and viability, reimbursement request submission, and airborne equipment/customer conversion. Also, as described above, Gogo has actively developed new systems intended to accelerate customer equipment updates and new plans to expedite other parts of its program and continues to explore new options to replace its network as soon as possible.

Gogo continues to make progress with the submission of reimbursement requests pertaining to removal and replacement of ZTE equipment, and overall program participation – including providing substantiating documentation to accompany these requests:

Gogo continues to file and receive approval for program application amendments, and to revise pricing and details associated with several components and services tied to network replacement efforts and activities. Gogo expects that these reimbursement efforts will continue throughout the project, as needed

Gogo continues to work with Summit Ridge Group to support and assist with the reimbursement process

Gogo's business is unique relative to other applicants in the program. To assist in the timely processing of Gogo's filings, Gogo/Summit Ridge Group regularly communicate with the Fund Administrator, and continued communication may be mutually beneficial to improve coordination and to better align planned documentation and execution of activities within the intended reimbursement process in a timely manner

Gogo's customers' decisions to replace airborne equipment on their aircraft to facilitate network replacement efforts are planned, budgeted, and schedule-based decisions made at the sole discretion of the aircraft operator. As such, while Gogo continues to communicate and highlight the need for customers to maintain inflight connectivity service on their aircraft (and incentive the replacement), ultimately, this decision falls outside of Gogo's direct control.

Additionally, Gogo has continued to make progress on the following initiatives/activities:

Gogo is continuing to work with various vendors to enable continued field cell site acquisition and preparation activities, ahead of deployment; it is expected that these efforts will continue throughout the project lifecycle



Program Compliance

*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) all requirements of the Reimbursement Program.

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Indicate whether recipient has permanently removed from its communications network all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

☐ Yes ☒ No

If recipient has not yet completed the removal process, what estimated percentage of the removal process have you completed?

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*Indicate whether recipient has replaced all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

☐ Yes ☒ No

If recipient has not yet completed the replacement process, what estimated percentage of the replacement process have you completed?

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*Indicate whether recipient has disposed of all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

☐ Yes ☒ No

If recipient has not yet completed the disposal process, what estimated percentage of the disposal process have you completed?

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*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) the timeline submitted by the recipient. If not, provide explanation for deviation.

☐ Yes ☒ No

*The filer has indicated no to a question in this section, please provide additional information.

Please review the text-based updates in the earlier portion of this report, for further clarification on activities in-progress and not yet started, along with anticipated delays to the completion of Gogo's program plan.

Certifications

*By checking the box and providing the electronic signature where indicated below, the Certifying Official on behalf of the filer certifies under penalty of perjury that:

☒ (1) The Certifying Official is authorized to submit this status report on behalf of the above-named filer and, based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the information being submitted, the information set forth in this status report has been examined and is true, accurate, and complete, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The Certifying Official acknowledges that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement, or the omission of any material fact on this status report or on any other document submitted by the filer may subject the filer and the undersigned to punishment by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), 1606), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1001, §§ 286-287, and § 1343), or can lead to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733, and §§ 3801-3812). (2) The filer is in compliance with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program, including but not limited to allocations, draw downs, payments, obligations and expenditures of money, and the Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those statutes, rules, and orders may result in the denial of funding, cancellation of funding commitments, and/or recoupment of past disbursements. The Certifying Official acknowledges that the filer will maintain detailed records, including receipts, of all costs eligible for reimbursement actually incurred for a period of 10 years; and will file all required documentation for its expenses. The Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to comply with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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