

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**Space Exploration Technologies Corp.,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**Carol Bell, in her official capacity as  
Administrative Law Judge of the Office of  
the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer,  
et al.,**

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-00137

**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO LIFT PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION FOR LIMITED PURPOSE**

On November 8, 2023, this Court issued a preliminary injunction order staying the administrative proceeding, *United States v. Space Exploration Techs. Corp.*, No. 2023B00082 (OCAHO filed Aug. 23, 2023), that Plaintiff is challenging in this case. *See* First Am. Compl. ¶ 2, ECF No. 31; Order at 9 (Nov. 8, 2023), ECF No. 28. The parties' cross-motions for summary judgment are currently pending before the Court. ECF Nos. 35, 36, 45, 46. On January 19, 2025, Defendants filed an Unopposed Motion to Stay Case for 45 Days to enable the Department of Justice to explore actions that could resolve this case. ECF No. 47. The Court subsequently stayed this case and ordered the parties to file a joint status report by March 7, 2025. ECF No. 48. The anticipated actions referenced below will resolve all claims in the administrative proceeding that is the subject of this lawsuit.

Defendants respectfully request that the Court lift the stay on the administrative proceeding for 30 days solely for the purpose of allowing the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division to file a notice of dismissal of the administrative proceeding with prejudice and to allow the Office

of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer to process the notice. If the administrative proceeding has been dismissed by the end of the 30-day period, Defendants will promptly move to dismiss this case on mootness grounds, and SpaceX will not oppose that relief.

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