Boeing Delta III Launch of Orion 3 Postponed

Officials have scrubbed the launch of a Boeing [NYSE: BA] Delta III expendable launch vehicle carrying the Orion 3 spacecraft for Hughes Space and Communications.

The launch team made three attempts during tonight's window, which spanned from 9:13 to 10:22 p.m. EDT. Vehicle issues, which were resolved, caused the first two delays. Officials halted the third attempt after the launch team ran out of time to test a repaired Air Force tracking radar.

A new launch date will be set at a later time pending range availability.

Loral Space & Communications will own and operate the Orion 3 satellite. The spacecraft will expand the C-band and Ku-band coverage area of Loral's satellite service fleet to include the entire Asia-Pacific region including Korea, China, Japan, Australia, India, Southeast Asia, Oceania and Hawaii.

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