Boeing Announces New Launch Date for Delta IV, GOES-N Weather Satellite

Boeing [NYSE: BA] announced Monday that the launch of the first of three next-generation Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES-N) for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NASA aboard a Delta IV rocket has been rescheduled for June 23, with a launch window extending to June 25.

The early evening launch will take place from Pad 37B at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

The Boeing-built GOES-N satellite, currently awaiting integration with the company's Delta IV launch vehicle, will provide more accurate prediction and tracking of severe storms and other weather phenomena, resulting in earlier and more precise warnings to the public. Supporting NOAA and NASA scientists collecting and analyzing real-time environmental data, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard searching the open seas, GOES-N stands ready as the most advanced multi-mission weather and earth observation satellite ever built.

GOES-N is the first NASA spacecraft to launch on a Boeing Delta IV rocket. The Delta IV Medium Plus configuration utilized in this launch will include a four meter payload fairing and two strap-on graphite epoxy motors. This will mark the second flight of this particular configuration and the fifth overall flight of the Delta IV family of launch vehicles.

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