

Re: commercial uses of the Dtick and the Heavy Lifter

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On Tue, 04 Oct 2005 20:39:29 -0400, Josh Hill <usereplyto@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

>On Tue, 04 Oct 2005 23:02:52 GMT, simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxx (Rand
>Simberg) wrote:

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>>On Tue, 04 Oct 2005 15:55:55 -0400, in a place far, far away, Josh
>>Hill <usereplyto@xxxxxxxx> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in
>>such a way as to indicate that:

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>>>On Tue, 4 Oct 2005 03:33:53 GMT, henry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Henry Spencer)
>>>wrote:

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>>>>In article <1128364904.375605.23280@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,

>>>>Ed Kyle <edkyle99@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

>>>>>A closer look shows that the two-stage Stick would

>>>>>only be able to do a bit more than 7 tonnes to GTO

>>>>>(I came up with 7.2 tonnes)...

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>>>>>Do note that unless it has a *lot* more payload than commercial launchers,

>>>>>or is unique in some other significant way, it is illegal for NASA to

>>>>>attempt to market it commercially or to subsidize an attempt by a NASA

>>>>>contractor to do so. NASA is specifically forbidden, by post-Challenger

>>>>>law, to compete with commercial launch providers (even for its own needs,

>>>>>never mind on the open market).

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>>>>>Which once seemed to me a sensible prohibition, but now seems to me

>>>>>foolish, since it reduces utilization.

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>>>>>So NASA should once again wreck the commercial launch industry by

>>>>>competing against it with taxpayer-subsidized systems?

The commercial launch industry is already competing against taxpayer-subsidized systems from Russia, China, and the EU, and with the handicap of a manipulated exchange rate.

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Josh

"It was amazing I won. I was running against peace and prosperity and incumbency." – George W. Bush

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◇ From: Brian Thorn
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