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**VIA ELS and EMAIL**

Leann Nguyen  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Engineering and Technology  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Extension of Special Temporary Authority**

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

Per FCC Rule 5.61(c), 47 C.F.R. § 5.61(c), Virgin Galactic, LLC (Virgin Galactic) files this letter to notify the Commission that it seeks to extend and continue operating under the special temporary authority (STA) granted by ELS File No. 1830-EX-ST-2020. Virgin Galactic also has a pending conventional experimental license application that is consistent with the terms and conditions of the STA. *See* ELS File No. 0745-EX-CN-2020. The FCC initially granted the STA for two months, so extension and continued operation would fall within the six-month STA period contemplated by FCC rule 5.61(a)(1). *See* 47 C.F.R. § 5.61 (a)(1). Continued STA operation is necessary to allow Virgin Galactic to conduct its technical tests pending Commission action on its experimental license application.

Virgin Galactic understands, however, that such extension and continued operation applies only to the area of operation, location, and spectrum authorized and as conditioned under the STA. Virgin Galactic further understands that the company must await further action before it may operate in any manner proposed in the pending license application that varies with the operations authorized or conditioned under the STA.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory S. Fredenburg".

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