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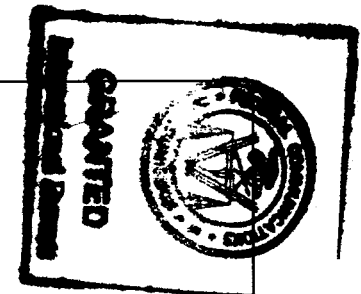
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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
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Galaxy III-R 74 WL STA renewal

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REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

PanAmSat Licensee Corp. ("PanAmSat"), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's rules,¹ hereby requests a 60-day extension, through May 30, 2003, of its special temporary authority ("STA") to operate the C-band payload of Galaxy III-R on station at 74° W.L.² Absent an extension, the current STA will expire on March 31, 2003.³

Galaxy III-R is a hybrid C/Ku-band satellite that originally was assigned to 95° W.L. On November 1, 2002, the Commission granted PanAmSat an STA to relocate Galaxy III-R to 74° W.L. and to operate the satellite's C-band payload at that orbital location until March 31, 2003.⁴ This grant enabled PanAmSat to maintain C-band service at 74° W.L., on an interim basis, following the decommissioning of Galaxy VI. PanAmSat has filed an application for authority to launch and operate Galaxy XII at 74° W.L. as the regular replacement for Galaxy VI.⁵ The launch of Galaxy XII is scheduled to occur on or about April 8, 2003.⁶

PanAmSat's extension request is supported by good cause. In granting PanAmSat's STA request last November, the Commission recognized that enabling PanAmSat to maintain C-band capability at 74° W.L., via Galaxy III-R, is in the public interest. Extending the STA for an additional 60 days will increase the time within which the benefits of C-band service at 74° W.L. are available. Facilitating continuity of service is unquestionably in the public interest.

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, PanAmSat respectfully requests that its STA be extended through May 30, 2003. Questions with respect to this matter should be directed to Joseph A. Godles or Michael A. McCoin, PanAmSat's counsel, 202-429-4900.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

² The C-band payload refers to the 5925-6425 MHz (uplink) and 3700-4200 MHz (downlink) bands.

³ See File No. SAT-STA-20020924-00171. The Commission granted Special Temporary Authority for Galaxy III-R by Grant Stamp, approved by Jennifer Gilsenan, November 1, 2002.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ See File No. SAT-LOA-20000929-00136.

⁶ PanAmSat also has filed a request for an STA to relocate Galaxy III-R from 74° W.L. to 111.1° W.L. Although PanAmSat asked in that filing for relocation authority commencing on April 22, 2003, the precise date on which the relocation will begin is subject to a variety of factors that cannot be predicted in advance, and relocation may commence after April 22. Out of an abundance of caution, therefore, and in an effort to avoid the need for seeking a further extension of operational C-band authority at 74° W.L., PanAmSat in this filing is requesting an extension through May 30.