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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
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Galaxy III-R STA to move to 111.1 (renewal to continue TT&C)

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

PanAmSat Licensee Corp. ("PanAmSat"), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's rules,¹ hereby requests extension of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA")² until June 1, 2003, to continue operation of the TT&C payload on Galaxy III-R.

The Commission initially granted PanAmSat an STA through May 28, 2003 to:

- (1) relocate Galaxy III-R from 74° W.L., where it has been operating on a temporary basis pursuant to an STA, to 111.1° W.L.; and
- (2) operate the tracking, telemetry, and command ("TT&C") payload on Galaxy III-R during the relocation.

As stated in PanAmSat's initial STA request, Telesat Canada ("Telesat") has leased all of the C-band and Ku-band capacity on Galaxy III-R for operation at 111.1 W.L. As an interim measure pending the launch of a replacement satellite, Telesat plans to transfer traffic at 111.1 W.L. from Anik E-2, which is approaching the end of its useful life, to Galaxy III-R. Although Galaxy III-R has been successfully relocated to 111.1° W.L., Telesat's authorization, issued by Industry Canada, to operate the satellite at that orbital location will not commence until June 1, 2003. Accordingly, PanAmSat requires a brief extension of its STA, through June 1, for the limited purpose of continuing to operate the TT&C payload (and only the TT&C payload) on Galaxy III-R.

By granting PanAmSat's initial STA request, the Commission already has found that it is in the public interest to relocate Galaxy III-R to 111.1 W.L. and to operate the TT&C payload on the satellite to facilitate making its capacity available to Telesat. The same public interest considerations that warranted the initial grant support an extension of the STA through June 1.

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, PanAmSat respectfully requests extension of its STA until June 1, 2003, to operate the TT&C payload on Galaxy III-R at 111.1° W.L.

Questions with respect to this matter should be directed to Joseph A. Godles or Michael A. McCoin, counsel for PanAmSat, at (202) 429-4900.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

² File No. SAT-STA-20030324-00039.