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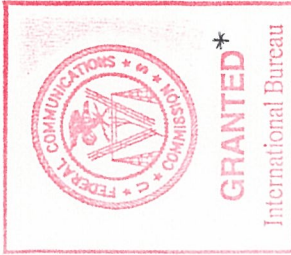
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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Request for Extension of De-Orbit STA

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3. Reference File Number SATSTA2010120200250 or Submission ID	
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<input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee	
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4b. Fee Classification CXW - Space Station (Non-Geostationary)	
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> Change Station Location	<input type="radio"/> Extend Expiration Date <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
6. Temporary Orbit Location	
7. Requested Extended Expiration Date	

8. Description (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)

See Exhibit 1.

9. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application"; for these purposes.

Yes No

10. Name of Person Signing
William L. Warren

11. Title of Person Signing
Senior VP, General Counsel and Secretary

12. Please supply any need attachments.

Attachment 1: Exhibit 1

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

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Description of STA Request

GeoEye License Corp. f/k/a ORBIMAGE License Corp. (“GeoEye”) hereby requests an extension of its existing STA to alter OrbView-3’s orbital parameters and to perform TT&C functions with OrbView-3 during the de-orbiting process. *See* SAT-STA-20101202-00250 (“Initial De-Orbit STA”).

GeoEye is the licensee of OrbView-3, a non-geostationary remote sensing satellite in the Earth-Exploration Satellite Service (“EESS”). As explained in GeoEye’s application for the Initial De-Orbit STA, OrbView-3 has reached the end of its useful life. Pursuant to the Initial De-Orbit STA, GeoEye has been conducting a controlled de-orbit of OrbView-3 since early January. GeoEye already has completed Phase I of the de-orbit process, and is preparing to proceed with Phase II of that process.

Although GeoEye initially expected to complete the de-orbit of OrbView-3 by the end of January 2011, that process has taken longer than anticipated due to OrbView-3 entering “safehold” mode after completing Phase I of the de-orbit process. GeoEye initially completely recovered OrbView-3 from safehold mode but recently the satellite re-entered safehold mode. GeoEye expects to recover OrbView-3 from safehold mode in the near future at which time it will commence Phase II of the de-orbit. Phase II will take approximately 10 days, after which time OrbView-3 will re-enter the Earth’s atmosphere. Assuming recovery of OrbView-3 from safehold mode in the near future, GeoEye plans to complete the Phase II de-orbit and OrbView-3 re-entry before the end of February.

Accordingly, GeoEye respectfully requests that the Commission extend the Initial De-Orbit STA for an additional 30 days. Grant of such extension would allow the de-orbit of OrbView-3 to continue in a manner consistent with the de-orbit plan already reviewed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) and approved by the Commission in granting the Initial De-Orbit STA, and thus would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.