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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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QuickBird STA Extension July 2011

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(If your application is related to an application filed with the Commission, enter either the file number or the IB Submission ID of the related application. Please enter only one.)	
3. Reference File Number SATSTA2011042200074 or Submission ID	
4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).	
<input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee	
<input type="radio"/> Other (please explain):	
4b. Fee Classification CXW - Space Station (Non-Geostationary)	
5. Type Request	
<input type="radio"/> Change Station Location	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Extend Expiration Date
	<input type="radio"/> Other
6. Temporary Orbit Location 482 kilometers	
7. Requested Extended Expiration Date 2011-09-18 00:00:00.0	

<p>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.)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Request 60-day extension of STA in File No. SAT-STA-20110422-00074 to continue to operate QuickBird satellite at orbit altitude at variance with current license pending action on an amendment to the modification of license application in File No. SAT-MOD-20101122-00243. See Exhibit A</p> </div>					
<p>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 &quot;party to the application&quot;; for these purposes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </p>					
<p>10. Name of Person Signing Yancey L. Spruill</p>	<p>11. Title of Person Signing Treasurer</p>				
<p>12. Please supply any need attachments.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Attachment 1: Exhibit A</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Attachment 2:</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Attachment 3:</td> </tr> </table>		Attachment 1: Exhibit A	Attachment 2:		Attachment 3:
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EXHIBIT A
DG Consents Sub, Inc.
Request for STA
July 2011

Narrative Description

DG Consents Sub, Inc. (“DigitalGlobe”) hereby requests a 60-day extension of the special temporary authority (“STA”) in File No. SAT-STA-20110422-00074 (“April STA”) to operate its QuickBird satellite at an orbit altitude of approximately 482 kilometers for another 60 days, pending Commission action on a forthcoming amendment to its modification of license application in File No. SAT-MOD-20101122-00243 (“Modification Application”). DigitalGlobe was granted authority to operate the QuickBird satellite at a peak orbit altitude of 482 kilometers in the April STA because the QuickBird satellite depleted its maneuvering fuel during a previously-authorized orbit raise.

DigitalGlobe is in the process of finalizing an amendment to the Modification Application that will provide details of QuickBird’s orbit and spectrum use through the anticipated end of QuickBird’s operational mission in 2014. In particular, the amendment will include information requested by the Commission regarding the extent to which DigitalGlobe intends to continue radio communication with the spacecraft during its descent to the atmosphere as it completes its mission. The amendment should be ready for submission to the Commission within the next week to 10 days.

DigitalGlobe incorporates by reference and reiterates the status of discussions with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”), which took favorable action in March 2011 on DigitalGlobe’s proposal for post-mission disposal of QuickBird that encompasses the new orbit parameters. *See* April STA, at Exhibit A. DigitalGlobe has notified NOAA of the new peak orbit, and has determined that a revision to the de-orbiting/post-mission disposal plan approved in March is not required.

Operation of QuickBird under the STA extension requested here will continue to be on a non-harmful interference basis and at DigitalGlobe’s own risk. DigitalGlobe reiterates that all of the technical showings and statements from the April STA remain applicable.

The public interest will be advanced by extension of the life of QuickBird and continued provision of the services that DigitalGlobe has provided over QuickBird since 2001.

For these reasons, DigitalGlobe respectfully requests that the April STA be extended for 60 days – i.e., until September 18, 2011.