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DG Consents Sub, Inc.
QuickBird

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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QuickBird STA 60-Day Extension November 2011

I. Applicant

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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 SATSTA2011091300179 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 2012-01-16 00:00:00.0	

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.)

Request 60-day extension of STA in File No. SAT-STA-20110913-00179 to continue to operate QuickBird satellite at orbit altitude at variance with current license pending action on an amendment (File No. SAT-AMD-20110828-00168) to the modification of license application in File No. SAT-MOD-20101122-00243. See Attachment A.

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
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11. Title of Person Signing
Treasurer

12. Please supply any need attachments.

Attachment 1: Attachment A

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

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Narrative Description

DG Consents Sub, Inc. (“DigitalGlobe”) hereby requests a 60-day extension of the pre-grant special temporary authority (“STA”) in File No. SAT-STA-20110913-00179 (“September STA”) to operate its QuickBird satellite in an orbit that is at variance with the authorized orbit, pending Commission action on DigitalGlobe’s pending modification of license application in File No. SAT-MOD-20101122-00243 (“Modification Application”), as amended in File No. SAT-AMD-20110829-00168 (“August 2011 Amendment”).

DigitalGlobe was first granted temporary authority to operate the QuickBird satellite at a peak orbit altitude of 482 kilometers in April, after the QuickBird satellite depleted its maneuvering fuel during a previously-authorized orbit raise, and that authorization was subsequently extended for two 60-day periods: in File No. SAT-STA-20110719-00131 and in the September STA. The August 2011 Amendment provides details of QuickBird’s orbit and spectrum use through the anticipated end of QuickBird’s operational mission in 2014, and includes 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.

DigitalGlobe acknowledges that 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. At all times during the term of the STA requested here, QuickBird will be in full compliance with the international power flux-density limits that apply to QuickBird operations in the 8025-8400 MHz band. DigitalGlobe reiterates that all of the technical showings and statements from the September STA remain applicable, and incorporates the showings therein by reference. Moreover, all technical statements from the August 2011 Amendment remain applicable as well.

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 September STA be extended for an additional 60 days – i.e., through January 16, 2012.