

## REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> Skynet Satellite Corporation ("Skynet") hereby requests an extension of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for Telstar 12 Vantage ("T12V"), Call Sign S2933. Skynet seeks an extension for the additional 60-day period beginning on May 16, 2016.

On March 17, 2016 the International Bureau granted Skynet's initial STA request<sup>2</sup> for sixty (60) days, expiring May 16, 2016, to operate T12V in accordance with an underlying modification application.<sup>3</sup> The modification application seeks authority to operate T12V's six steerable European spot beams within a wider coverage area.

Skynet's request for an STA extension is supported by good cause. Skynet's modification application was accepted for filing April 15, 2016,<sup>4</sup> and will not come off public notice until May 16, when Skynet's initial STA will expire. Extending the initial STA by 60 days will enable Skynet to continue making use of a wider European spot beam coverage area to serve its customers until Skynet's modification application is granted.

As explained in Skynet's initial STA request, expanding the coverage area of T12V's steerable spot beams enables it to satisfy time-sensitive needs that have arisen for high throughput satellite capacity over key aeronautical routes from

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

<sup>2</sup> See File No. SAT-STA-20160226-00023.

<sup>3</sup> See File No. SAT-MOD-20160225-00022.

<sup>4</sup> See Public Notice Report No. SAT-01150, April 15, 2016.

Western Europe to the Middle East and to serve growing maritime markets in the Mediterranean and European waterways. By granting Skynet's initial STA request, the Commission determined that permitting Skynet to provide these services on an interim basis is in the public interest. For the same reasons, permitting Skynet to continue providing these services on an interim basis is in the public interest. As demonstrated in Skynet's initial STA request and in its modification application, moreover, expanding the coverage area of T12V's steerable European spot beams has no impact on T12V's potential for interference.

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, Skynet respectfully requests that its request for an extension of its STA be granted.