

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Skynet Satellite Corporation (“Skynet”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s Rules, hereby requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate Telstar 12 (call sign S2462) from its new orbital location, 109.2° WL, in accordance with the technical specifications set forth in Skynet’s pending application to modify its license for Telstar 12.¹ Skynet asks that its STA commence on July 7, 2016 and have a term of 30 days.

Skynet is in the process of relocating Telstar 12 from 15° W.L. to 109.2° W.L. pursuant to STAs the Commission previously granted.² Telstar 12 will arrive at 109.2° WL on July 7, 2016, at which time it will be available for service at its new location. But the Telstar 12 Modification Application has not appeared on public notice and will not be grantable by July 7. Skynet is requesting an STA so it can provide service on an interim basis while the Telstar 12 Modification Application is pending.

Skynet’s STA request is supported by good cause. Authorizing Skynet to operate Telstar 12 at 109.2° WL will enable it to provide additional capacity to support services in the United States, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. This additional capacity will redound to the benefit of customers because of rate competition and a greater diversity of services. Grant of Skynet’s STA request, therefore, is in the public interest.

Operating Telstar 12 at 109.2° WL, moreover, presents no interference concerns. Skynet has demonstrated in the Technical Exhibit accompanying its Telstar 12 Modification Application that these operations are compatible with adjacent satellites and with stations in shared bands. In any event, operation pursuant to the STA requested in this filing will be on a secondary, non-interference basis.

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

¹ See File No. SAT-MOD-20160513-00050 (the “Telstar 12 Modification Application”). Skynet will operate Telstar 12 at 109.2° WL in accordance with an exchange of letters between the United States and Canada.

² See SAT-STA-20160513-00049.