

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Skynet Satellite Corporation (“Skynet”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s Rules, hereby requests extension of 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’s original STA request was granted for a term of 30 days starting July 7, 1996.² For the reasons stated below, Skynet asks for an extension of its STA commencing on August 8, 2016, for an additional term of 180 days or until the underlying modification application is granted, whichever occurs first.

Skynet is requesting an STA extension so it can provide service on an interim basis while the Telstar 12 Modification Application is pending. Skynet relocated Telstar 12 from 15° W.L. to 109.2° W.L. pursuant to STAs the Commission previously granted,³ and Skynet has been operating Telstar 12 at 109.2° WL pursuant to the Initial 109.2° WL STA. The Telstar 12 Modification Application appeared on public notice on July 8, 2016, and may not be granted by August 7, 2016, when the Initial 109.2° WL STA expires. Skynet, therefore, is seeking an STA extension.

Skynet’s STA extension request is supported by good cause. Granting an extension will enable Skynet to continue to provide additional capacity to support services in the United States, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. This additional capacity redounds to the benefit of customers because of rate competition and a greater diversity of services. Grant of Skynet’s STA extension request, therefore, is in the public interest.

Operating Telstar 12 at 109.2° WL, moreover, presents no interference concerns. Skynet 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 extension requested in this filing will be on a secondary, non-interference basis. Moreover, Skynet agrees to accept the conditions associated with the grant of the Initial 109.2° WL STA.

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

¹ See File No. SAT-MOD-20160513-00050 (the “Telstar 12 Modification Application”). Skynet’s operation of Telstar 12 at 109.2° WL is subject to an exchange of letters between the United States and Canada.

² See File No. SAT-STA-20160617-00056 (granted in part on July 6, 2016, and in further part on July 19, 2016) (“Initial 109.2° WL STA”).

³ See SAT-STA-20160513-00049.