

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of Application of )  
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ES 172 LLC )  
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For Special Temporary Authority to Operate ) File No. SAT-STA-\_\_\_\_\_  
the EUTELSAT 174A Satellite at the 174° ) Call Sign S2610  
E.L. Orbital Location )  
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*Expedited Action Requested*

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

ES 172 LLC, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Eutelsat S.A. (“Eutelsat”), pursuant to Section 25.120(a) of the Commission’s rules, respectfully requests a 60-day extension of its existing special temporary authorization (“STA”)<sup>1</sup> to operate the EUTELSAT 174A satellite (Call Sign S2610) at the 174° E.L. orbital location.

The *EUTELSAT 174A STA* expires on February 04, 2018. ES 172 LLC has been in close consultation with FCC staff regarding the status of its existing STA, as well as the underlying license modification application to operate EUTELSAT 174A at 174° E.L. on a long-term basis. Although grant of the underlying modification application may be imminent, the impending expiration of the *EUTELSAT 174A STA* necessitates this request.

ES 172 LLC proposes no change in operation of EUTELSAT 174A and hereby incorporates by reference the information provided in support of the prior STA request and related applications.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> ES 172 LLC, Special Temporary Authorization, Call Sign S2610, File No. SAT-STA-20171205-00166 (granted Dec. 6, 2017) (“*EUTELSAT 174A STA*”).

<sup>2</sup> See *id.*; see also Call Sign S2610, File Nos. SAT-STA-20171122-00160, SAT-MOD-20171122-00159 and SAT-AMD-20171205-00165.

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by facilitating the uninterrupted provision of vital fixed-satellite services and satellite mobility applications throughout the Asia-Pacific region while the Commission completes its review and reaches a decision regarding the underlying EUTELSAT 174A modification application. Therefore, ES 172 LLC respectfully requests that the Commission grant ES 172 LLC a 60-day STA, effective on or before February 4, 2018, to continue operating the EUTELSAT 174A satellite at the 174° E.L. orbital location.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> ES 172 LLC also notes that it appears possible to continue EUTELSAT 174A's important operations pursuant to Section 1.62(a) of the Commission's rules during the pendency of this request should grant be delayed. *See* 47 CFR §1.62(a).