

### **Exhibit A - Narrative Statement**

Planet Labs Inc. (Planet) respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the Special Temporary Authority (STA) that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) originally granted in File No. SAT-STA-20200812-00097,<sup>1</sup> incorporated herein by reference, to continue operating additional UHF channels for its Flock satellites (S2912).

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing Planet to continue investigating the ability to lower radio interference to the Flock satellite's UHF communications link through use of additional channels centered at 450.1 MHz and 401.4 MHz.

This extension is requested to allow Planet to continue investigating the ability to lower radio interference, and time for the investigation's second matching Earth station STA request, File No. SES-STA-20200813-00879,<sup>2</sup> for O'ahu, Hawaii, to be granted. The STA for the first matching Earth station in Maddock, ND, was granted in File No. SES-STA-20200813-00880.<sup>3</sup> However, complete results require testing the additional UHF channel from a second location.

Planet also notes Condition 3 to the original space station STA, and has no expectations that requests to extend this grant of special temporary as it relates to operations in the 401-402 MHz frequency band will be approved for any date after December 31, 2021.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Granted March 18, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Accepted for filing Public Notice June 2, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Granted July 6, 2021.

<sup>4</sup> See SAT-STA-20200812-00097 (granted March 18, 2021).