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Term Dates
From Sept. 29, 2021 To: period of 30 days

Approved: Merissa L. Velez
Chief, Satellite Policy Branch.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Extend UHF STA

1. Applicant

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Attention:	Mike Safyan		

ATTACHMENT TO GRANT
Planet Labs Inc.
IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20210914-00121

IBFS File No(s):	SAT-STA-20210914-00121	GRANTED – With Conditions  International Bureau Satellite Division
Licensee/Grantee:	Planet Labs Inc. (Planet)	
Call Sign:	S2912	
Satellite Name:	Flock constellation	
Orbital Location: (required station- keeping tolerance)	NGSO at altitudes between 350 km and 720 km	
Administration:	United States of America	
Nature of Service:	Space Operations	
Scope of Grant:	Special temporary authority for a period of 30 days to allow the satellites in the Planet Flock constellation to operate within the 449.75-450.25 MHz frequency band¹ using an additional channel with a center frequency of 450.1 MHz and a bandwidth of 0.06 MHz (Earth-to-space), and to operate within the 401-402 MHz frequency band² using an additional channel with a center frequency of 401.4 MHz and a bandwidth of 0.06 MHz (space-to-Earth).	
Service Area(s):	Global. See Schedule S Tech Report at Item S6 (SAT-MOD-20150802-00053)	
Frequencies:	See Scope of Grant	
Unless otherwise specified herein, operations under this grant must comport with the legal and technical specifications set forth by the applicant or petitioner and with the Federal Communications Commission's rules not waived herein. - Planet shall tune Flock satellite TT&C UHF links to an agreed frequency range with NOAA as soon as possible to minimize interference to NOAA GOES Data Collection System (DCS), and radiosonde operations and continue to work closely with NOAA to identify and implement any further measures needed to avoid RFI to the systems mentioned earlier. This initial tuning would be an interim frequency range for Planet Labs to use for upcoming launches. For future mission planning, transition out of 401-406 MHz to avoid interference to DCS and radiosondes is recommended. Planet Labs and NOAA shall work jointly to explore future mitigation strategies to avoid interference to NOAA missions. - Planet must continue to comply with the grant conditions set forth in the prior authorizations for the Flock constellation. - This action is without prejudice to any enforcement action in connection with operations at variance from the terms and conditions specified in IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20200615-00076 following expiration of the special temporary authority granted in IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20200812-00097. - Planet shall have 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. Licensee/grantee is afforded thirty (30) days from the date of release of this action to decline the grant as conditioned. Failure to respond within this period will constitute formal acceptance of the grant as conditioned. This action is taken pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 CFR § 0.261, and is effective upon release.		

¹ See *Satellite Policy Branch, Action Taken*, DA 18-749, Report No. SAT- 01332 (July 20, 2018) (IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20170713-00103).

² *Id.*

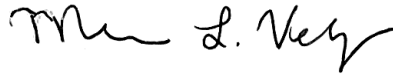
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Station licenses are subject to the conditions specified in Section 309(h) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 309(h).

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Approved:



Merissa L. Velez
Chief, Satellite Policy Branch

2. Contact

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Country:	USA	Zipcode:	94107 -
Attention:		Relationship:	Same

(If your application is related to an application filed with the Commission, enter either the file number or the IB Submission ID of the related application. Please enter only one.)

3. Reference File Number SATSTA2020081200097 or Submission ID

4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?

- ☒ If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).
- ☐ Governmental Entity ☐ Noncommercial educational licensee
- ☐ Other (please explain):

4b. Fee Classification CXW – Space Station (Non-Geostationary)

5. Type Request

- ☐ Change Station Location ☒ Extend Expiration Date ☐ Other

6. Temporary Orbit Location
n/a

7. Requested Extended Expiration Date
2021-10-14 00:00:00.0

8. Description (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)

Planet Labs Inc. respectfully requests a 30-day extension to continue operating additional UHF channels for its Flock satellites (S2912).

9. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application" for these purposes. ☒ Yes ☐ No

10. Name of Person Signing
Nathan Johnson

11. Title of Person Signing
Associate Counsel

12. Please supply any need attachments.

Attachment 1: Exhibit A-Narrative

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

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