

Exhibit A - Narrative Statement

Planet Labs Inc. (Planet) respectfully submits this timely request¹ for a 30-day extension of the Special Temporary Authority (STA) that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) originally granted in File No. SAT-STA-20200812-00097,² and subsequently in File No. SAT-STA-20210914-00121,³ both incorporated herein by reference, to continue operating additional UHF channels for its Flock satellites (S2912).

Grant of this STA extension 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.

Specifically, this STA extension request will allow Planet to continue its investigation using the second matching Earth station STA request, File No. SES-STA-20200813-00879,⁴ for O'ahu, Hawaii. Complete results of Planet's investigation require testing the additional UHF channel from a second location; and the Earth station request was filed at the same time as the original Satellite request, but only granted recently.

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, 2021.⁵

¹ See 47 CFR § 25.120(a) ("No request for temporary authority will be considered unless it is received by the Commission at least 3 working days prior to [...] where an extension is sought, the expiration date of the existing temporary authorization.")

² Granted March 18, 2021.

³ Granted September 29, 2021.

⁴ Granted September 17, 2021. (The STA for the first matching Earth station in Maddock, ND, File No. SES-STA-20200813-00880, was granted July 6, 2021.)

⁵ See SAT-STA-20200812-00097 (granted March 18, 2021).