

AMENDMENT

SpaceX Services, Inc. (“SpaceX Services”) recently filed for modification of a blanket license authorizing operation of next-generation end-user earth stations (“UTs”) for use at fixed locations to allow operations at a higher duty cycle.¹ The current license authorizes deployment of these UTs at fixed locations throughout the contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. By this amendment, SpaceX Services requests that this service area be broadened to include all other territories and possessions of the United States, including but not limited to Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Commission has already authorized operation of the SpaceX Services UTs throughout the United States, confirming that such operations present no technical issues. Because SpaceX’s non-geostationary orbit satellite system covers the entire globe, it is uniquely capable of providing connectivity to these additional small locations scattered throughout the Pacific Ocean which are underserved by terrestrial alternatives—and can do so immediately upon revision of the UT authorization. Accordingly, grant of this amendment would serve the public interest by extending high-capacity, low-latency satellite broadband service to these remote locations with no offsetting concerns. SpaceX Services therefore requests that the Commission grant this amendment expeditiously.

¹ See SpaceX Services, Inc. Request for Modification, IBFS File No. SES-MOD-20211216-01909, Call Sign E210127 (filed Dec. 16, 2021).