

Inmarsat Solutions (US) Inc.
FCC Form 312
Exhibit A

Description of Request for Modification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 25.117 of the Federal Communication Commission's ("Commission") rules, Inmarsat Solutions (US) Inc. ("Inmarsat Solutions"), a subsidiary of Inmarsat Global Ltd. ("Inmarsat"), hereby seeks to modify its existing blanket earth station authorization (Call Sign E050249) (the "License") to reinstate as the point of communication all Inmarsat satellites on the ISAT List for operations in the 1525-1559 MHz (space-to-Earth) and 1626.5-1660.5 MHz (Earth-to-space) bands. Inmarsat also seeks to delete Inmarsat 4F2 as a point of communication.

In 2008, the Commission established the ISAT List, a list of Inmarsat satellites approved to serve the United States in the L-band and "allow[ed] earth station licensees and applicants to seek authority to communicate in the L-band with satellites based upon the satellite listing on the ISAT List, rather than having to seek authorization to communicate with Inmarsat satellites on a satellite-by-satellite and orbital-location-by-orbital-location basis."¹ Under the ISAT Order, L-band earth station operators were permitted to add ISAT satellites as a point of communication within 30 days of the release of the Order.² Inmarsat requested, and was granted, authority for the BGAN mobile earth terminals ("METs") authorized under Call Sign E050249 to communicate with all Inmarsat satellites on the ISAT List shortly after the release of the Order adopting the ISAT List.³ Although Inmarsat requested continued authority to communicate with all satellites on the ISAT List in its subsequent modification and amendment applications,⁴ that authority does not appear on the existing license.⁵ Accordingly, Inmarsat Solutions requests that the Commission reinstate the authority for earth stations under the present license to communicate with all ISAT satellites. The technical parameters for the satellites included on the ISAT list are detailed in the applications granted by the Commission for market access for the

¹ Inmarsat, Inc. Request to Streamline Licensing of L-band Mobile Satellite Service Terminals Using Inmarsat Satellites as Points of Communication, *Order*, DA 08-2323 IBFS File No. SES-PDR-20080303-00367 (IB Sat. Div., Oct. 21, 2008) ("ISAT Order").

² *Id.* at ¶ 9.

³ See Inmarsat Solutions (US) Inc., Grant, IBFS File No. SES-MFS-20080303-01366 (Oct. 21, 2008); Satellite Communications Services Information, Actions Taken, *Public Notice*, Report No. SES-01081, at 27 (Oct. 29, 2008).

⁴ Inmarsat Solutions (US) Inc., IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20111208-01432, Exhibit C (granted May 4, 2012); Inmarsat Solutions (US) Inc., IBFS File No. SAT-AMD-20120302-00234, Exhibit C (granted May 4, 2012).

⁵ Inmarsat Solutions (US) Inc., *Grant*, Call Sign 050249, IBFS File No. SES-MOD-20111208-01432 (granted May 4, 2012).

satellites. Inmarsat Solutions incorporates by reference the relevant information regarding the satellites on the ISAT list in those applications, as amended.

Grant of the requested modification would document that the METs authorized under Call Sign E050249 are authorized to communicate with all Inmarsat satellites on the ISAT list. This action would be consistent with other Inmarsat earth station operations licensed by the FCC that are authorized to communicate with the ISAT list. Accordingly, grant of this application would serve the public interest.