

Exhibit A

Description of Application

Pursuant to Section 25.117(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.117(c), Harris Corporation ("Harris") hereby requests that the FCC extend the deadline for construction completion and commencement of operations of Harris's earth stations (Call Signs **E090040**, File No. SES-LIC-20090313-00309 and **E090041**, File No. SES-LIC-20090313-00312) one year until April 27, 2011. Specific details regarding this extension request are provided below.

On March 13, 2009, Harris filed two FCC Form 312 requests with the Commission seeking authorization for the subject Ku Band earth stations.¹ These submissions were made pursuant to a Request For Tender ("RFT") submitted by Harris in order to procure a contract to provide communications to US Navy and NOAA vessels under the US Navy Commercial Broadband Satellite Program. Governmental award of this contract was contested, and Harris is currently awaiting GAO action to resolve the contested claims. Harris expects the contract will be awarded in the near future, and in order to fulfill its obligations if awarded the contract, Harris will need to facilitate timely construction and operation implementation measures for the earth stations referenced herein. As noted above, Harris states that the additional time as requested herein is due to unforeseeable circumstances beyond its control.

Harris hereby submits the following in justification of the extension period requested: Harris estimates that the contract will be awarded in approximately one-hundred days, and upon said contract being awarded, an additional 120 days will be necessary for delivery After Order Receipt/Request of the sitcom equipment. An additional 120 days will be required for installation, testing, and verification of the equipment.

¹ The FCC authorizations for earth stations E090040 (*File No. SES-LIC-20090313-00309*) and E090041 (*File No. SES-LIC-20090313-00312*) were granted effective April 27, 2009.