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**APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
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STA for operation of SeaTel Equipment

1. Applicant		 GRANTED International Bureau Approved: <i>J. Vanette W. Spruiell</i> From: <i>10/11/05</i> Term Dates: <i>To: 12/30/05</i> Call Sign: <i>E030216</i> Grant Date: <i>9/27/05</i> (or other identifier) File # <i>SES-STA-20050926-01318</i>
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3. Reference File Number SESMFS2005092601315 or Submission ID		
4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159.		
If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).		
<input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee		
<input type="radio"/> Other (please explain):		
4b. Fee Classification CGX		

5. Type Request <input checked="" type="radio"/> Use Prior to Grant <input type="radio"/> Change Station Location <input type="radio"/> Other		
6. Requested Use Prior Date 10/1/2005		
7. City/Offshore	8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 27 21 43.3 N	
9. State LA	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 90 10 53 W	
11. Please supply any need attachments.		
Attachment 1: Request for STA	Attachment 2: Attachment	Attachment 3: Attachment
12. Description. STA to operate SeaTel Equipment		
13. 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. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
14. Name of Person Signing John Bertrand	15. Title of Person Signing Engineer	
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Re: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Fixed Satellite Service
Earth Station E030216
Application for Modification
IBFS File No. SES-MFS-20050603-00684
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Dear Mr. Kotler:

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation ("Anadarko"), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") while its underlying Application for Modification to its regular authority is pending before the Commission (SES-MOD SES-MFS-20050603-00684). Anadarko seeks STA to change its Point of Communication from AMC-3 to Satmex 5 and make the requested modifications to its equipment for satellite earth station E030216.

Anadarko engaged in the exploration and production of oil and gas, with operations in more than a dozen countries worldwide. In 2001, Anadarko began the joint development of the Marco Polo discovery project – a production platform in the Gulf of Mexico that is capable of accommodating production activities from multiple fields. The Marco Polo deepwater development project is located approximately 150 miles offshore Louisiana in the Green Canyon Block 608 in the Gulf.

The satellite earth station E030216 provides transmit/receive voice and data transmissions from the platform to Anadarko's on-shore facilities in Houston, Texas. Station E030216 serves as the only communications capabilities for personnel located on the Marco Polo. It permits voice communications from the platform to personnel on-shore, and it provides offshore personnel with access to the company's wide-area network. Significantly, this earth station also provides the important safety-related function of allowing personnel in Houston to remotely monitor the pressure levels of the wells that are extracting crude oil from the ocean floor. By way of this monitoring capability, on-shore personnel can immediately react to any problems that occur.

Earth station E030216 is currently authorized to communicate with AMC-3. The quality of service received from its existing vendor has decreased to the point where communications have become unreliable.

Due to the critical safety-related functions of the communications provided by station E030216, Anadarko has concluded that it cannot accommodate the risks associated with continued service from its existing point of communication. Thus, Anadarko has secured alternate service from a new satellite vendor. The earth station onboard the offshore platform will now communicate with Satmex 5. Accordingly, Anadarko submitted the above-captioned Application for Modification to the FCC via the International Bureau Filing System on June 3, 2005 upon its receipt of the required engineering analysis.

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the FCC's Rules, the Commission may grant STA upon a finding that "there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operations in the public interest and that delay in the institution of these temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest."¹

The Marco Polo platform is located approximately 150 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. The earth station that is the subject of this Request serves as the only communications between personnel working on the platform and the mainland. The continuous operation of these communications capabilities is essential to the safety of Anadarko's personnel and its operations in the Marco Polo field. In view of the necessity for reliable communications capabilities, Anadarko submits that grant of the requested STA will be in the public interest and respectfully asks for a prompt and favorable response to this request.

This will confirm that no party to this application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to § 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

We trust that sufficient information has been provided herein to enable the Commission to grant the requested STA. Should the Commission have any questions or require additional information, it is asked to communicate directly with our telecommunications counsel, Wayne V. Black, Keller and Heckman LLP, 1001 G Street, NW, Suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 434-4130, e-mail: black@khlaw.com.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(1).