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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
Satellite and Radiocommunication Division
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20054

Attention: International Satellite Engineering Branch

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) Kapolei, Hawaii
File Number: SES - Mod – 20040825-01242 **Call Sign: E980250**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On July 1, 2005 Loral Skynet Network Services, Inc. (debtor-in Possession) (“Loral”) was granted authorization (**SES-MOD-20040825-01242**) to operate its earth station in Kapolei, Hawaii (Call E980250) using conventional C-band frequencies, 5925-6425 MHz Transmit (V,H), 3700-4200 MHz Receive) V,H), to communicate with the Telstar 18/Apstar V/Tongasat satellite (“Telstar 18”) at (International designation: 2004-024A) the 138° E.L. orbital location.

Loral respectfully submits this request for STA pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules, to provide communications to Bhutan via the Telstar 18/Apstar V (Telstar 18) satellite located at 138° E.L. from Loral Skynet’s fixed earth station (E980250) at Kapolei, Hawaii, using standard C-band frequencies. Loral Skynet requests this STA for a period of 30 days.

Grant of this STA is necessary and will serve the public interest by providing educational and other services initially via 2 earth stations in Bhutan built to accommodate the demand for service to various US entities that may have interests in the Asia, the surrounding area, and remote operations by making critical information readily available, often from areas beyond the geographic and economic reach of traditional systems.

The Commission, in considering this request, should keep in mind Bhutan's special status as a land-locked, least-developed country.

The terrestrial infrastructure in Bhutan will not support a dependable alternative for services in the near term. TELSTAR 18 will provide the most dependable coverage footprint for this location. The Kapolei earth station, the only Loral owned facilities with connectivity to Telstar 18, will be used to provide connectivity to the earth station in Bhutan.

As noted in Loral Skynet's previously filed applications, use of Telstar 18 will not adversely affect the operations of other satellites. Telstar 18 has been fully coordinated with neighboring in-orbit satellites and will not cause harmful interference to adjacent satellites. However, in the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference to any lawfully operating communications station should occur, all reasonable steps will be taken to immediately eliminate the interference.

For the reasons discussed above, the Commission should expeditiously grant this request to use C-band capacity on the Telstar 18 satellite for the temporary provision of service to Bhutan.

Please contact Stanley Edinger if you have any questions concerning this correspondence at:

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Sincerely,

Attachments: STA request

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