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APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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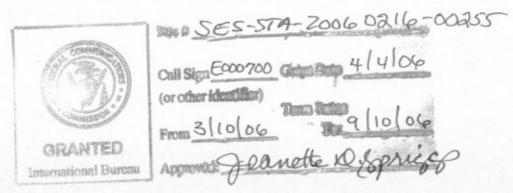
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12. Description. (If the complete description does not appear in the	is box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)				
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14. Name of Person Signing Laura Birkelbach	15. Title of Person Signing Senior Engineer				
(U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001), AND/OR F	RM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND / OR IMPRISONMENT REVOCATION OF ANY STATION AUTHORIZATION 0/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).				

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REQUEST FOR STA EXTENSION

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In the context of the negotiations for the Russian Federation's accession to the World Trade Organization, the Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") sent a letter to the Commission concerning MCI's related modification application. In the letter, the USTR asked the Commission to delay grant of the final authorization until the Russian Federation adequately addresses the USTR's concern over the Russian Federation's commitments for the telecommunications sector. However, notwithstanding this request, the USTR recognized the need for uninterrupted operations in the interim. To that end, USTR's letter expressly acknowledged that it had no objections to continued operations and extension of the existing STA: "[t]o avoid any disruption of service currently being offered under Special Temporary Authority ... USTR would not object to extension of temporary authority."

Accordingly, given the critical nature of this traffic and USTR's agreement to an STA extension, MCI respectfully requests that this extension be granted.

MCI has been carrying traffic via Intersputnik since 1991 (originally as IDB Communications Group, Inc.). Intersputnik's decision to replace Stationair 11 (Gorizont-26), for which MCI held valid authorizations, with Express-3A, was completely beyond MCI's control. This earth station carries critical traffic for both government and private end-users.

² Letter from Meredith Broadbent, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Industry, Market Access and Telecommunications, Office of the United States Trade Representative, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (dated Feb. 15, 2005).

³ <u>Id</u> at 1.

 $^{^4\}frac{\underline{Id}}{\underline{Id}}$ at 2.