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APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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STA for CA-29B earth station - use prior to grant

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"60 days"



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**Attachment 1**  
**PetroCom License Corporation**  
**Application for Earth Station Special Temporary Authority**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

PetroCom License Corporation ("PetroCom"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.120(b)(3) of the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") hereby requests that the Commission grant it special temporary authority ("STA"), for a period of sixty (60) days, beginning July 19, 2006, to operate a satellite earth station (the "Station") on an oil platform designated CA-29B in the Gulf of Mexico (the "Platform") prior to Commission processing of the application seeking permanent authorization of the Station.<sup>1/</sup>

PetroCom is a provider of cellular telephone communications services in the Gulf of Mexico. PetroCom uses a series of satellite facilities to back-haul the cellular traffic generated on its network. Accordingly, PetroCom's ability to use satellite earth station facilities is critical to its ability to provide cellular communications services, and critical to the customers that rely on the availability of cellular service in the Gulf of Mexico. PetroCom's customers in the Gulf of Mexico are principally energy, oil and gas companies. The Station will allow PetroCom to provide digital voice and data services to Platform personnel through the use of PetroCom's cellular system.

FCC issuance of temporary authority will allow PetroCom to test and begin to provide critical voice and data services to the Platform within the coordinated parameters of the proposed operations. Because the Station will be the primary means of wireless communications on the Platform, delaying testing until authorization poses a risk to the safety and health of personnel onboard as well as to the environment in the event of an emergency. Customers use PetroCom's communications network for a variety of purposes, including protecting the security of oil and natural gas facilities and operations from any potential threats. As a result, the proposed facilities will serve to improve homeland security by providing more reliable critical communications coverage where PetroCom does not provide service today. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita provide recent examples highlighting the significance of adequate testing and expedited deployment of communications services.

Accordingly, the FCC is requested to issue STA to PetroCom, effective July 19, 2006, for a period of sixty (60) days, so that it may test and provide communications services to personnel on the Platform. If there are any questions regarding this STA request, the FCC is asked to contact communications counsel for PetroCom, Russell H. Fox of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., 202-434-7483, [rfox@mintz.com](mailto:rfox@mintz.com).

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<sup>1/</sup> See PetroCom License Corporation, FCC File No. SES-LIC-20060712-0114, Call sign E060264 (filed July 12, 2006).