

Description

MTN License Corp. (“MTN”), pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(3), hereby requests a 60-day extension of its existing Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate in the extended (13.8-14.0 GHz) Ku-band frequencies using its earth station license operating under Call Sign E070219 in Holmdel, New Jersey. *See* File Nos. SES-STA-20090602-00684 (initial STA request); SES-STA-20090723-00907 (STA extension request); and SES-STA-20091001-01266 (second STA extension request). The existing STA expires on December 6, 2009, and MTN requests an extension through February 4, 2010.

In its initial request for STA, MTN explained that it had an immediate need to use the 13.8-14.0 GHz Ku-band frequencies, which were proposed to be added permanently to E070219 in a modification application filed concurrently with the STA request. *See* File No. SES-MFS-20090602-00677 (the “Modification Application”). The Modification Application has remained pending before the Commission for six months, during which time MTN, pursuant to its STA, has provided vital communications services to U.S. Government customers whose particular requirements could not otherwise be met due to a lack of available conventional Ku-band space segment capacity. These particular customer requirements will continue past the December 6 expiration date of the existing STA, thereby necessitating this request to extend the STA for another 60 days pending Commission action on the Modification Application. Grant of the instant extension request will serve the public interest by enabling MTN to meet important U.S. Government customer needs without delay or interruption.

All communications under STA will continue to be through Estrela do Sul 1 (Telstar 14), located in the 63° W.L. orbital slot, or Telstar 11N, located in the 37.55° W.L. orbital slot. In addition, MTN recognizes and agrees that its transmit operations in the 13.8-14.0 GHz band are subject to footnote US356 of the U.S. Table of Frequency Allocations, 47 C.F.R. § 2.106, and Section 25.204(f) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.204(f), which require fixed-satellite service earth stations operating in the 13.75-14.0 GHz band to operate with an equivalent isotropically radiated power (“EIRP”) of between 68 and 85 dBW. To the extent that MTN’s STA operations involve carriers whose operations fall below the minimum required EIRP, MTN will not claim any additional interference protection beyond that which it would otherwise be entitled to claim were it operating at the minimum 68 dBW EIRP limit.

In summary, MTN respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request for extension of its Special Temporary Authority for a period of 60 days commencing on December 6, 2009.