

December 2, 2009

Acting Chief
System Analysis Branch
Satellite Division
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Renewal of Special Temporary Authority

Pursuant to Section 25.120(a) of the Rules and Regulations (“Regulations”) of the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”), Data Technology Solutions, LLC. (“DTS”) seeks Commission consideration for a renewal of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate an Earth Stations on Vessels (“ESV”) system while its application for permanent authority is under review by the Commission.

On August 7, 2009, DTS filed an application for new ESV authority (File No. SES-LIC-20090807-00971, callsign E090138). On August 12, 2009, DTS filed a request for STA (File No. SES-STA-20090812-00995) for the underlying ESV application. The STA request was granted on October 5, 2009 for a period of 60 days. DTS now request an extension of this STA.

The proposed application would authorize DTS to operate ESVs on cargo ships, fishing vessels, and oil & gas marine craft. Crew members on these vessels are often at sea for prolonged periods and have limited communications with the outside world. The proposed authorization would permit crew personnel to access the internet, telephone, and email while at sea thus providing a much needed lifeline that would contribute to the crew member’s health, well-being, and safety.

According to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Regulations, the Commission may grant temporary authority for a period not to exceed 60 days, if the STA request has not been placed on public notice, and the applicant plans to file a request for regular authority for the service. In the instant case, the STA request has not been placed on public notice, but DTS has already filed an application for regular authority. Therefore, DTS respectfully requests an STA for a period not to exceed 60 days.

According to Section 25.120 (b)(1) of the Commission's rules, "The Commission may grant a temporary authorization only 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". For the reasons stated above, DTS believes that the provision of lifeline communications is an extraordinary circumstance and the granting of the STA is in the public interest. In order to insure timely service, the requested date for prior use is December 4, 2009.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Raul Magallanes*
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