

Description of STA Renewal Request

Comtech Mobile Datacom Corporation (“CMDC”) hereby requests that the Commission renew and extend, with condition, the special temporary authority (“STA”) that the Commission granted with condition on February 2, 2010 for E090027 in File No. SES-STA-20090923-01224. This STA, which expires on April 2, 2010, gives CMDC authority to operate up to 300 half-duplex data mobile earth terminals (“METs”) in portions of the L-band (1525-1544/1545-1559 MHz and 1626.5-1645.5/1646.5-1660.5 MHz) in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands on MSAT-1 and MSAT-2. The METs CMDC operates pursuant to the requested authority are CMDC’s MT2010, MT2011, MT2012, MTM202, and MTM203 METs. Proposed particulars of operation for these METs are as described in the modification application for E090027 (File No. SES-MOD-20090923-01223) (“Modification Application”) under Site ID “MSAT1&2—T&P.” The Modification Application, which encompasses the authority sought in this STA request, came off public notice on or about January 22, 2010¹ and thus is ripe for grant. Should the Commission grant the Modification Application before April 2, CMDC will withdraw this STA renewal request.

Grant of this STA renewal request will serve the public interest. CMDC is using its existing STA to satisfy the needs of one of its current customers, the U.S. Army, for service in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in support of two (2) programs. Renewal of this STA will allow Comtech to continue to provide this support to the Army.

CMDC accepts and complies with the condition imposed in the original STA grant and acknowledges and accepts that grant of this STA renewal request will be similarly conditioned. CMDC further acknowledges that any grant of this STA renewal request is without prejudice to, and will be conditioned on, the Commission’s final action on any CMDC application.

For the reasons set forth above, CMDC respectfully requests that its STA be renewed and extended no later than April 2, 2010, if the Modification Application cannot be granted on or before that date.

¹ See Report No. SES-01204, rel. Dec. 23, 2009.