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System Analysis Branch
Satellite Division
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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  Re: <u>Request for Special Temporary Authority – Shell Communications</u>

 Pursuant to Section 25.120(a) of the Rules and Regulations ("Regulations") of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), Shell Communications, Inc. ("Shell") seeks Commission consideration for a Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate an earth station while its application for permanent authority is undergoing Commission review.

 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 Shell has filed an application for permanent authority (See Submission ID: IB2010001069). Therefore, Shell respectfully requests an STA for a period not to exceed <u>60 days</u>.

 According to Section 25.120 (b)(1) of the Regulations, "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".

 In the instant case, Shell plans to start operations at the Brazos 19 platform in the Gulf of Mexico. The planned satellite is <u>Satmex 6</u> (113WL). It is critical that this platform preserve communications in order to maintain connection with the platform crew and other personnel. A satellite link is often the only means of communications in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico.

 The requested date for prior use is <u>April 10, 2010</u>. In accordance to Section 25.120(a) of the Regulations, this STA is being filed at least 3 working days prior to the date of proposed operation.

    Sincerely,

    /s/ *Raul Magallanes*

    Attorney