

STA EXTENSION REQUEST

By this application and pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(3), Spacenet Services License Sub, Inc. ("Spacenet") seeks a 60-day extension of its special temporary authority ("STA") permitting 0.75 meter earth station antennas manufactured by Skyware Global Corporation (formerly ASC Signal Corporation) and licensed under Spacenet's call sign E000035 to communicate with the Galaxy 18 spacecraft at 123° W.L. in the standard Ku-band.¹ Spacenet is in the process of coordinating operations on Galaxy 18 with adjacent spacecraft operators pursuant to Section 25.220 and preparing the underlying application for modification of the E000035 license to add Galaxy 18. Grant of the STA extension pending submission of and action on the modification application will serve the public interest by ensuring continuity of service to Spacenet's customers, including customers located in remote and underserved areas who rely on Spacenet's service for critical connectivity requirements.

In its request for the E000035 STA, Spacenet explained that it was required to transition antennas from Intelsat's Galaxy 27 spacecraft to Intelsat's Galaxy 18 spacecraft to accommodate Intelsat's intention to relocate Galaxy 27. Because the 0.75 meter Skyware Global Corporation does not comply with the performance standards specified in Section 25.209 of the Commission's rules,

¹ See Spacenet Services License Sub, Inc., File Nos. SES-STA-20100511-00585, grant-stamped with conditions July 1, 2010, with a term that expires August 1, 2010, SES-STA-20100322-00342, grant-stamped with conditions Apr. 13, 2010, with a term that expired June 1, 2010; SES-STA-20100112-00064, grant-stamped with conditions Jan. 20, 2010 with an initial term that expired April 1, 2010 (the "E000035 STA"). Spacenet incorporates the detailed rationale provided in the request for the E000035 STA by reference herein.

Section 25.220 requires coordination with operators of the satellites within six degrees of the spacecraft to be used for the service. That coordination process is nearing completion.

Grant of the requested extension will serve the public interest by ensuring that services to Spacenet's customers are not interrupted. Spacenet provides satellite-based Internet connectivity to customers, some of whom are located in remote and underserved areas where there are limited available communications alternatives. The Spacenet service gives these users the ability to access a full range of information, including information about weather conditions or emergency situations that may be important to their safety. Absent grant of special temporary authority, Spacenet will not be able to provide continuity of service to these customers.

For the foregoing reasons, Spacenet respectfully requests a sixty day extension of its special temporary authority to use the 0.75 meter Skyware Global Corporation antenna to communicate with Galaxy 18 at 123° W.L.