MTN License Corp. Earth Station STA Call Sign E010332 May 2012

Description

MTN License Corp. ("MTN") hereby respectfully requests special temporary authority ("STA") for 30 days to permit its Earth Station on Vessels ("ESV") network licensed under Call Sign E010332 to communicate with the NSS-7 satellite during and after its anticipated relocation to the 20° W.L. orbital slot later this month.

The NSS-7 satellite, which is licensed to New Skies Satellites B.V. ("SES"), is on the Commission's Permitted Space Station List for operations in the conventional Ku-band at 22° W.L. SES has requested modification of its grant of U.S. market access to reflect the planned relocation of NSS-7 to the 20° W.L., where it will serve as a replacement for the currently operating NSS-5 satellite. The relocation is expected to take place in the latter half of May and be completed in approximately two weeks. ²

As an ALSAT license, E010332 authorizes MTN to communicate with NSS-7 using the conventional Ku-band frequencies. MTN intends to use the hub station and earth station remotes licensed under E010332 to continue ESV communications with NSS-7 at the satellite's new 22° W.L. orbital slot, and seeks the STA requested here to ensure continuity of service during the NSS-7 relocation, and pending approval of SES's modified entry of NSS-7 on the Permitted Space Station List and Intelsat's application for authority to operate certain Ku-band frequencies of NSS-7 at 20° W.L. MTN believes that a 30-day STA, beginning May 18, 2012 through June 17, 2012 will be adequate to cover the expected relocation period.

Grant of the STA request will serve the public interest by permitting MTN to provide, on an uninterrupted basis, ESV services to its maritime customers during the relocation of NSS-7.

¹ See File No. SAT-MPL-20120215-00017. SES's application covers only the conventional Ku-band frequencies that SES operates. The remaining conventional Ku-band frequencies available through NSS-7 are operated by Intelsat under agreement with SES. Intelsat filed a separate application for a U.S. license covering these remaining frequencies contemporaneously with the SES application. See File No. SAT-RPL-20120216-00018. Both applications have been accepted for filing. See Public Notice, Report No. SAT-00858 (released April 6, 2012).

² See File No. SES-STA-20120426-00400 (request of SES Americom, Inc. for 30-day STA beginning May 18, 2012, to allow its earth station licensed under Call Sign E110104 to communicate with NSS-7 during and after the planned relocation of NSS-7 from 22° W.L. to 20° W.L.).