

**Description of Request for Special Temporary Authority Extension**

DG Consents Sub, Inc. (“DG Consents”), pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(3), hereby requests a 60-day extension of its existing Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to communicate between its Earth Exploration Satellite Service (“EESS”) earth station in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska (Call Sign E040264) and the GeoEye-1 and IKONOS space stations. *See* File No. SES-STA-20130501-00353. The existing STA expires on July 5, 2013, and DG Consents requests an extension through September 3, 2013.

In its initial request for STA, DG Consents explained that it required temporary operating authority to allow for immediate testing of communications links between the Prudhoe Bay earth station and GeoEye-1 and IKONOS in advance of Commission action on DG Consent’s concurrently filed request for permanent authority. *See* File No. SES-MOD-20130228-00229. That request for permanent authority (which was accepted for filing on June 26, 2013) remains pending before the Commission, and DG Consents’ need to operate from Prudhoe Bay will continue past the July 5 expiration date of the existing STA. Accordingly, DG Consents requests an additional 60 days of STA pending Commission action on the application for permanent authority. Grant of this extension request will serve the public interest by enabling DigitalGlobe, Inc., parent company of DG Consents, to continue consolidation of its existing and newly acquired EESS operations without delay and assure the continued safe operation of the two subject space craft. DG Consents affirms that extended operations will continue in accordance with the conditions attached to the initial grant of STA.

In summary, DG Consents respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request for extension of its Special Temporary Authority for a period of 60 days commencing on July 5, 2013.