

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

On August 12, 2013, the International Bureau granted the request filed by O3b Limited (“O3b”) for special temporary authority (“STA”) to conduct tests at a facility in Melbourne, Florida, of up to three 2.2m earth stations on vessels (“ESVs”).¹ The STA, on the basis of its most recent extension, has a term through October 10, 2013. O3b, pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules,² hereby requests a further extension of its STA covering the 30-day period between October 11, 2013, and November 10, 2013.³

O3b’s extension request is supported by good cause. An extension will enable O3b to continue its testing so that it may establish performance standards and operational requirements for its ESVs. By granting O3b’s initial STA request, the Bureau already has found that facilitating these activities is in the public interest.

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, O3b respectfully requests that its STA extension request be granted.

¹ FCC File No. SES-STA-20130620-00515, extended under File No. SES-STA-20130903-00773.

² 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

³ O3b’s STA extension request is independent of its separately-filed application for a license to operate ESVs (File No. SES-LIC-20130528-00455), and O3b acknowledges that action on its STA extension request is without prejudice to Commission action on its ESV license application. O3b also notes that due to the recent lapse in Federal appropriations, most of the services provided by the Commission have not been available to the public. Accordingly, O3b is submitting the instant request on the first day on which submissions are again being accepted in the FCC’s filing systems.