



June 10, 2014

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Blais,

Pursuant to Section 25.120(a) of the Rules and Regulations (“Regulations”) of the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”), Harris CapRock Communications, Inc. (“Harris CapRock”) seeks Commission consideration for a Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate a new Ku-band Vertex 6.3m earth station.

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 and Harris CapRock has filed an application for regular authority<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, Harris CapRock respectfully requests an STA for a period not to exceed 60 days.

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, Harris CapRock plans to provide service to the oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. The earth station at issue will receive the outbound links transmitting from sites at the Gulf of Mexico. As such the earth station will provide lifeline communications to the crew aboard the Gulf of Mexico platforms. The satellite links will be used extensively by crew members that depend on it for their voice and data needs. Therefore, it is in the public interest that communications to the platforms continue uninterrupted. Anything potentially affecting the safety of platform personnel is in the public interest.

The current application plans to use the Satmex 5 (24.1E) satellite.

In order to ensure timely communications to crew member of the platform, the requested date for prior use is June 30, 2014. 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.

Because of the nature of operations in this platform, it is in the public interest that the proposed earth station be operational to accommodate the critical calls that are placed by platform personnel. In addition, should there be an emergency in this platform; this earth station would be used to place calls to communicate with the appropriate agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> See File Number: SES-MOD-20140606-00440