

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

On September 11, 2014, O3b Limited (“O3b”) submitted a request for special temporary authority (“STA”)¹ to operate an earth station to be located at AT&T Headquarters in Houston, Texas (“AT&T Earth Station”) that will communicate with the satellite system operated by O3b. The AT&T Earth Station sought a 30-day STA for the period between December 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules,² O3b hereby requests a further extension of its STA covering the 180-day period between January 1, 2015, and June 30, 2015.

O3b’s extension request is supported by good cause. An extension will enable O3b to continue demonstration of the system’s capabilities for providing a variety of valuable communications, including voice and video conferencing and enterprise data applications. The public interest will be served by allowing O3b to show how its system can effectively deliver low latency, high throughput service to and from isolated resource extraction operations, such as offshore oil platforms.³

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

¹ IBFS Submission IB2014001800.

² 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

³ The AT&T Earth Station will not, for purposes of the STA, communicate with any offshore platforms or other offsite facilities. The only other points of communication will be O3b’s space stations and O3b’s gateway earth station in Vernon, Texas.