

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL TEMPORARY OPERATIONS

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's rules,¹ Shaw Satellite Services Inc. ("Shaw") requests a special temporary authorization ("STA") for a 60-day period to permit flexibility to operate mobile earth stations authorized in the 11.7-12.2 GHz (downlink) and 14.0-14.5 GHz (uplink) frequency bands ("Ku band") under an existing license (Call Sign E960474 or "Boatrac license"), consistent with technical parameters specified under either the existing Boatrac license or the license modification application concurrently filed herewith ("Modification Application").

In its Modification Application, Shaw requested the following license modifications, contingent upon grant of a concurrently filed application to assign the Boatrac license from Omnitrac, LLC ("Omnitrac") to Shaw: (1) changing the remote control/hub stations specified under the existing Boatrac license to a Canadian-licensed earth station (Call Sign CZ294) at 2055 Flavelle Boulevard, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5K 1Z8, Telephone: (905) 403-21124; and (2) changing the operating frequencies specified under the existing Boatrac license to 14018.712-14033.288 MHz and 14090.085-14100.085 for uplinks (transmit mode) and 12066.375-12069.375 MHz, 11957.500-11960.500 MHz, and 11710.500-11713.500 MHz for downlinks (receive mode). Shaw further states that all other technical parameters specified under the existing Boatrac license will remain the same.

Additionally, subject to Commission grant of either the Modification Application or the instant STA request, existing mobile earth stations authorized under the Boatrac license will be retuned to communicate with Shaw's Canadian-licensed remote control/hub station and to

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

operate on the same frequencies authorized under Shaw's existing Canadian license to operate similar Ku-band mobile earth stations throughout Canada. Mobile earth stations authorized under the Boatracs license currently are and will continue to be used to provide service to U.S. subscribers via U.S.-licensed and non-U.S.-licensed satellites specified on the FCC's Permitted Space Station List, including the Anik F2 and Galaxy 25 (formerly Telstar 5) satellites.

Operations under the requested STA will be required for a limited period necessary to facilitate the transition of U.S. subscribers of service provided under the existing Boatracs license to Shaw's network. Commission grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by ensuring continuity of service, facilitating the transition of services, and enabling Shaw to provide harmonized subscriber equipment and achieve economies of scale.