REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

SpeedCast Communications Inc. ("SpeedCast"), pursuant to Section 1.931 of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), respectfully requests an extension of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") effective as soon as possible for a period of 60 days, or until the Commission has granted SpeedCast's regular authority for modifications to its Earth Station licenses identified by Call Signs E050206 (Constitution), E030159 (Gunnison), E050333 (Nansen), and E050331 (Boomvang) (the "Earth Stations") as discussed below.

Background

SpeedCast provides comprehensive communications and IT services to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, one of the largest independent oil and natural gas exploration and production companies in the world. Anadarko had approximately 2.06 billion barrels of oil equivalent of proved reserves at year-end 2015. SpeedCast's Earth Stations provide voice and data services to personnel on Anadarko's Constitution, Gunnison, Nansen, and Boomvang oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

On March 15, 2017, the FCC granted SpeedCast STA for a period of 60 days to operate its Earth Stations with the added Emission Designator 9M38G7W.[1] SpeedCast completed frequency coordination for its regular authority modifications for the Earth Stations and submitted regular authority modifications to the Commission. The regular authority modification applications appeared on Public Notice on May 3 and May 10, 2017.[2]

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The Commission may grant STA "in emergency situations," "to permit restoration or relocation of existing facilities to continue communications service," and "in other situations involving circumstances which are of such extraordinary nature that delay in the institution of temporary operation would seriously prejudice the public interest."[3] SpeedCast's C-band Earth Stations provide critical broadband connectivity for voice and data transmissions to and from Anadarko's oil platforms. The bandwidth currently authorized under its Earth Station licenses is not sufficient to support Anadarko's communications requirements.

SpeedCast seeks an extension of its STA's to permit continued operation of its Earth Stations with the added Emission Designator 9M38G7W. Micronet Communications, Inc. has completed frequency coordination and has certified that all sites pass with the requested bandwidth and Micronet has certified that the Maximum EIRP Density will not increase beyond

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[1] FCC File Numbers SES-STA-20170309-00241, SES-STA-20170309-00242, SES-STA-20170309-00246, SES-STA-20170309-00247.

[2] FCC File Numbers SES-MOD-20170427-00473, SES-MOD-20170427-00482, SES-MOD-20170427-00475, SES-MOD-20170427-00474.

[3] 47 C.F.R. § 1.931(b)(2)(ii),(v).

what is currently authorized under the existing licenses. Moreover, SpeedCast submitted regularl authority modification applications to add the new Emission Designator and make other technical changes which are now pending with the FCC.

Without increased bandwidth, Anadarko's satellite communications capabilities will be limited during the pendency of the modification applications, which will limit critical communications supporting Anadarko's oil production in the Gulf of Mexico. Reliable broadband connectivity is critical to operational integrity and the safety of personnel and the environment. Anadarko's C-Band transmissions are the most important component of its communications for its production platforms.

In light of the foregoing, SpeedCast submits that grant of the requested STA extensions will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and favorable Commission action is warranted.

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