

Marlink, Inc.

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Operate
Orbit Model OrBand AL-7108-C 2.4 Meter C-band Remote Antennas
To Provide Earth Station on Vessel (ESV) Service

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Marlink, Inc. (Marlink) requests extension of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate Orbit Model OrBand AL-7108-C 2.4 Meter C-band Remote Antennas (“AL-7108-C”) to provide ESV service pursuant to its call sign WB36 license ESV authorization. The STA extension is requested to allow Marlink to continue to operate these antennas through U.S. teleports while the Commission processes Marlink’s pending application for permanent authority. The antennas will be located on vessels traveling in U.S. and international waters. All will operate through hub antennas already authorized by the Commission. As with the application for permanent authority, the STA extension is requested to operate the antennas in the C-band to communicate via All Authorized U.S. Domestic Satellites on the Space Station Permitted List and provide ESV service in the same manner as previously authorized by the Commission for existing WB36 licensed ESV antennas.

Marlink’s Showing of Compliance that the antennas comply with the Commission’s Rules is set forth in the pending Application and Exhibits to same which are hereby incorporated by reference. As detailed therein, the antennas fully comply with all Commission Regulations and no waivers are needed or requested for operation of the antennas.

Extension of STA to operate these ESV antennas is in the public interest because it will enable Marlink to continue to provide service to customers that already have the antenna on their vessels and are now receiving service from a Marlink affiliate via teleports not located in the U.S. but which with STA could be serviced by Marlink via U.S. teleports. Such vessels are often at sea for prolonged periods and have limited communications with the outside world. In addition to enhancing the capabilities that ESV services provide for ship operations and crucial emergency communications, additional ESV options facilitate access to the internet, telephone, and email by crew personnel while at sea thus providing a much needed lifeline that contributes to the crew members’ health, well-being, and safety.

Accordingly, Marlink respectfully requests that the Bureau grant extension of the STA for a period of sixty days for Marlink to operate the AL-7108-C remote antenna to provide ESV service. Any questions with respect to this matter may be directed to James G. Lovelace at (281)606 0117.