

**REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

MTN License Corp. ("MTN") hereby requests special temporary authority ("STA") in connection with the contemporaneously-filed application for assignment of the C-band satellite Earth station license at Fairmont, West Virginia (Call Sign E050308) from Globecom License Sub LLC ("Globecom") to MTN ("Assignment Application"). MTN requires authority to assume control and operation of the facilities currently licensed to Globecom no later than Tuesday, December 12, 2017, prior to final FCC action on the pending Assignment Application, and has filed this application in compliance with Section 25.120(a) of the FCC's Rules with respect to that action date. However, inasmuch as there is a possibility of a temporary FCC employee furlough due to a lapse in agency funding commencing at 11:59 pm on Friday, December 8, 2017, MTN respectfully requests action before close of business on that date, if possible, and has specified December 8, 2017 as the "Requested Use Prior Date" on Form 312STA.

The requested STA is necessary because MTN is assuming the operational role previously held by Globecom as a subcontractor to Raytheon Company for provision of satellite connectivity services for the Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System, an important component of the National Weather Service's provision of critical weather data, forecasts and warnings to the U.S. public. Accordingly, immediate operation of the Fairmont, West Virginia facility by MTN is critical to this public safety mission and will maximize the public benefit of the licensed Earth station.

MTN is a long-term FCC licensee, and the Commission has previously reviewed and approved its qualifications to operate FCC-licensed satellite Earth station facilities. MTN therefore is fully qualified to be the licensee of an additional satellite Earth station and has every expectation that the pending Assignment Application will be granted in due course. Accordingly, there is no need for delay in granting MTN permission to operate an additional Earth station, on a temporary basis, without prejudice to final action on the pending Assignment Application.

MTN seeks expedited grant of an STA to permit it to operate the subject facilities, and, as detailed above, respectfully requests that action on this matter be completed by Friday, December 8, 2017, if possible, providing MTN with the assurance that it will be able to commence operations as anticipated on December 12, 2017. Consistent with the FCC's Rules concerning authority for use prior to grant, MTN requests an STA for a period of up to 60 days. *See* 47 C.F.R. §25.120(b)(3). The parties to the underlying Assignment Application anticipate that it will be granted during the effective period of the requested STA. MTN understands that any grant of this application is without prejudice to ultimate FCC action on the Assignment Application.