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APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
 Extend Special Temporary Authority - Chevak C-Band

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| 3. Reference File Number SESSTA2018062001772 or Submission ID | |
| 4a. Is a fee submitted with this application? | |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114). | |
| <input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please explain): | |
| 4b. Fee Classification CGX - Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station | |
| 5. Type Request | |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Use Prior to Grant <input type="radio"/> Change Station Location <input type="radio"/> Other | |
| 6. Requested Use Prior Date 09/28/2018 | |
| 7. CityChevak | |
| 8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 61 31 47.8 N | |

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| 9. State AK | 10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 165 34 51.1 W |
| 11. Please supply any need attachments. Attachment 1: Exhibit 1 | Attachment 2: Attachment 3: |
| 12. Description. (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.) | <p>GCI Communication Corp. is seeking an extension of its special temporary authority (STA) (File No. SES-STA-20180423-00391; as extended by IBFS File No. SES-STA-20180620-01772) to continue to operate, for 60 days or less pending a decision on its application for regular authority, a fixed satellite earth station in the C-Band.</p> |
| 13. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application" for these purposes. | <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> |
| 14. Name of Person Signing Jimmy Sipes | 15. Title of Person Signing VP, Network Services & Chief Engineer |
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

By this application (the “Application”), GCI Communication Corp. (“GCI”) hereby requests an extension of its special temporary authority (“STA”) to continue to operate, for 60 days or less pending a decision on its application for regular authority,¹ a fixed earth station antenna in Chevak, AK, at 61° 31’ 47.8” N, 165° 34’ 51.1” W with the EUTELSAT 115 WB (SATMEX 7) (S2938) satellite at the 114.9° W.L. orbital location in the 3786-3858 MHz (space-to-Earth) and the 6011-6883 MHz (Earth-to-space) frequency bands.²

GCI initially sought an emergency STA pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Federal Communications Commission (the “FCC” or “Commission”) rules due to extraordinary circumstances. Specifically, GCI’s Askinuk Mountain tower was experiencing severe icing issues that has caused its microwave link, which services remote villages in western Alaska (Chevak and Hooper Bay), to become unreliable. This link is the primary link to communications in these villages, and provides not only mobile wireless voice and broadband services, but also supports telehealth services, school access services, wireless 911 routing, and serves as a backup to wireline 911 services. GCI took several efforts to remedy the situation, as described in the Chevak STA Application, however because its services continued to be severely impacted, it sought an STA to utilize the C-band spectrum.³ As explained, without a grant of the

¹ See IBFS File No. SES-LIC-INTR2018-02449 (filed June 8, 2018).

² See IBFS File No. SES-STA-20180423-00391 (granted April 25, 2018) (“Chevak STA Application”), IBFS File No. SES-STA-20180620-01772 (granted July 31, 2018) (“Chevak STA Extension Application”). This STA extension expires September 28, 2018.

³ See *id.* Exhibit 1.

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requested temporary authority, remote residents in western Alaska may not have access to vital communications services, including accessing 911 services.⁴

Unfortunately, such extraordinary circumstance still exist today, and “delay in the institution of these temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest.”⁵ Therefore, GCI is requesting an extension of its STA to continue to provide critical services to approximately 2300 western Alaskan residents over this license. As previously explained, many, if not most, of these affected residents rely solely on GCI’s services for a link to the world outside of their remote villages.⁶ This is due in large part to the challenging nature of providing mobile service in Alaska. Such challenges include “its remoteness, lack of roads, challenges and costs associated with transporting fuel, lack of scalability per community, satellite and backhaul availability, extreme weather conditions, challenging topography, and short construction season.”⁷ GCI relies on the C-Band band in order to provide its FSS operations, and has a very long history of providing C-band satellite communications solutions in Alaska in ways that advance the satellite technology space in an effort to provide communications services in rural Alaska. In addition, the substantial public service record of GCI indicates that the company is committed to providing service to consumers in Alaska. Indeed, as noted above, GCI has sought regular authority in order to avoid encountering a situation such as this next winter. Because

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §25.120(b)(1).

⁶ *See* Chevak STA Application.

⁷ *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund; Connect America Fund - Alaska Plan*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 10139, 10162, ¶ 72 (2016) (“*Alaska Plan R&O*”) (citing *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17829, ¶ 507 (2011) (“*USF/ICC Transformation Order*”), *aff’d sub nom. FCC 11-161*, 753 F.3d 1015 (10th Cir. 2014)).

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GCI does not want service to its customers, including potential access to emergency services, to be implicated during the pendency of this request, it is requesting an extension of the STA.

Allowing a STA to permit GCI to continue to provide service over the C-Band, for an additional 60 days or less pending a decision on its application for regular authority, would certainly be in the public interest. This continued service illustrates a “compelling reason” to grant the requested STA extension.