

Request for Special Temporary Authority
E190102; SES-STA-20190305-00259

Hawaii Pacific Teleport, L.P. (“HPT”), applicant for a new license for a fixed earth station license (SES-LIC-20190305-00258), has requested special temporary authority (“STA”) beginning on March 13, 2019, in connection with the fixed earth station application to operate in the 3.7 – 4.2 GHz band to provide satellite services to Saipan as back up to the communications for remote island communities. As is demonstrated by the attached email from HPT’s customer, previous redundant capacity to Saipan and surrounding island communities has been terminated and redundant capacity is urgently needed to protect communications on the island and surrounding areas. As was discussed in the license application, such an outage has recently occurred in other island communities.¹ In addition to other uses, the service would be used for essential and emergency services in the case of emergencies.

The STA was requested to commence March 13, 2019 and HPT has a contractual obligation to its customer to provide service on April 1, 2019. The applicant provided a Request for Waiver of Temporary Filing Freeze in the 3.7 – 4.2 GHz band which includes more extensive discussion of the issues and demonstrates that a grant of the STA request and the underlying license application is in the public interest. Until authorization is obtained, as there is no other alternative to HPT’s planned satellite service offering, Saipan and other remote island communities remain unprotected without back-up communications.

¹ Jon Brodtkin, *Undersea cable damage wipes out most Internet access in Tonga islands*, arstechnica.com (Jan. 25, 2019, 1:22 PM), <https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2019/01/undersea-cable-damage-wipes-out-most-internet-access-in-tonga-islands/>.

Michelle McClure

From: Leeana Smith-Ryland <lsmith-ryland@hawaiiileport.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 9:46 PM
To: Michelle McClure
Cc: rminter@hawaiiileport.com; Mark DeSantis
Subject: Fwd: Saipan - Guam Satellite Capacity
Attachments: winmail.dat

Importance: High

Michelle,
See below email from our customer. You can forward to FCC.

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From: Larry Thompson <lthompson@docomopacific.com>
Date: 4/2/19 2:58 PM (GMT-10:00)
To: "'Leeana A. Smith Rylajvd (lsmith-ryland@hawaiiileport.com)'" <lsmith-ryland@hawaiiileport.com>
Cc: Sharon Cassidy <scassidy@docomopacific.com>
Subject: Saipan - Guam Satellite Capacity

Leeana,

As you know, pursuant to our contract with HPT, Docomo Pacific is relying on HPT in establishing our satellite link between Saipan and Guam. As of March 31st 2019, Docomo Pacific only has one route to connect the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) island communities(Rota, Tinian, Saipan) via our subsea ATISA cable. Our previous redundant capacity has been terminated and we urgently need to protect our communications with CNMI. At thus point, if a storm were to hit the islands, we would be dark.

This is also urgently needed as Docomo Pacific is AT&T FirstNet partner in these US territories(Guam, Saipan, Rota, and Tinian). We need the redundant satellite route so we can fulfill our contract responsibilities to AT&T FirstNet and our first responders across the territories. If we were to lose our subsea cable connection without the Satellite back-up these communities and first responders would essentially be isolated and unable to connect to essential services and the Docomo Pacific network.

Please advise on the status of our Satellite redundant service with Hawaii Pacific Teleport.

Best Regards,

Larry

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