

APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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Saipan C band STA 3/5/2019

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Call Sign E190102 Grant Date 10-29-19
(or other identifier)
Term Dates
From: 10-29-19 To: 10-28-19
Approved: [Signature]

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(If your application is related to an application filed with the Commission, enter either the file number or the IB Submission ID of the related application. Please enter only one.)			
3. Reference File Number or Submission ID IB2019000641			
4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?			
☒ If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114). ☐ Governmental Entity ☐ Noncommercial educational licensee ☐ Other (please explain):			
4b. Fee Classification CGX – Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station			
5. Type Request			
☒ Use Prior to Grant ☐ Change Station Location ☐ Other			
6. Requested Use Prior Date 03/13/2019			
7. City		8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 0 0 0.0	

9. State	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 0 0 0.0
11. Please supply any need attachments.	
Attachment 1: Public Interest	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.)	
Hawaii Pacific Teleport, L.P. requests special temporary authority to operate an earth station at Gualo Rai, Saipan.	
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.	
Yes ☒ No ☐	
14. Name of Person Signing Leeana Smith-Ryland	15. Title of Person Signing Chief Executive Officer
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Approved: Paul E. Hach

Hawaii Pacific Teleport, L.P. ("Hawaii Pacific Teleport") is granted a 60-day STA to operate a 13-m antenna located at geographic coordinates 15° 07' 41.1" N/145° 43' 23.6" E in Gualo Rai, Saipan to communicate with JCSAT-2B satellite at orbital location 154°E on frequencies: 6168-6400 MHz (Earth-to-space) and 3700-4200 MHz (space-to-Earth) under the following conditions:

1. Operations shall not exceed parameters proposed in the FCC IBFS File number SES-LIC-20190305-00258 and as frequency coordinated.
2. Transmitter(s) must be turned off during antenna maintenance to ensure compliance with the FCC-specified safety guidelines for human exposure to radiofrequency radiation in the region between the antenna feed and the reflector.
3. The licensee shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the antenna does not create potential exposure of humans to radiofrequency radiation in excess of the FCC exposure limits defined in 47 CFR 1.1307(b) and 1.1310 wherever such exposures might occur. Measures must be taken to ensure compliance with limits for both occupational/controlled exposure and for general population/uncontrolled exposure, as defined in these rule sections. The FCC's OET Bulletin 65 (available on-line at www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety) provides information on predicting exposure levels and on methods for ensuring compliance, including the use of warning and alert signs and protective equipment for workers.
4. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this authority is solely at Hawaii Pacific Teleport's risk.
5. Grant of this authority is without prejudice to any determination that the Commission may make regarding Hawaii Pacific Teleport's pending application FCC IBFS File Number SES-LIC-20190305-00258 or future applications.

This action is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective immediately.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TEMPORARY FILING FREEZE

Pursuant to Section 1.925 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") rules,¹ Hawaii Pacific Teleport, L.P. ("HPT"), by counsel, respectfully requests that the International Bureau ("Bureau") waive the temporary freeze on new applications for fixed-satellite service ("FSS") earth station licenses in the 3.7-4.2 GHz Band ("Filing Freeze").² As described below, granting HPT's waiver request would not undermine the objectives of the Filing Freeze, and it would serve the public interest by promoting national security, public safety, and education.

Section 1.925 of the FCC's rules permits the Commission to waive its rules on its own motion or upon request. The Commission may grant a waiver if "(i) the underlying purpose of the rule(s) would not be served or would be frustrated by application to the instant case, and that grant of the requested waiver would be in the public interest; or (ii) in view of unique or unusual factual circumstances of the instant case, application of the rule(s) would be inequitable, unduly burdensome or contrary to the public interest, or the applicant has no reasonable alternative."³ In this case, both grounds for waiver apply to HPT.

HPT offers satellite and fiber-based communications transport and connectivity around the Pacific Rim. Among other things, HPT's satellite services act as a vital communications link for a number of isolated pacific islands. HPT's services support a variety of communications services, including telephony, IP connectivity, and television broadcasting services. Among the

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.925.

² *Temporary Freeze on Applications for New or Modified Fixed Satellite Service Earth Stations and Fixed Microwave Stations in the 3.7-4.2 GHz Band, 90 Day Window to File Applications for Earth Stations Currently Operating in 3.7-4.2 GHz Band*, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 3841 (Int. Bur. 2018) ("Filing Freeze PN").

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.925(b)(3).

most critical aspects of HPT's satellite service is the redundancy it provides to remote island communities for internet access and other IP connectivity.

While undersea cables connect many of the islands HPT serves, the remote location of Pacific islands make undersea cable outages (as recently occurred in Tonga)⁴ particularly devastating for these communities. As the Commission is well-aware, many modern services depend on internet or data connectivity. Hospitals rely on internet connected monitoring devices; weather stations (which can be particularly important for coastal and island communities) use internet connectivity to produce accurate weather forecasts, and public safety agencies use IP connected communications devices. Many schools, and their students, also need internet access to complete their daily lesson plans. And, of particular importance here, U.S. military installations on a number of the islands HPT serves use IP/data connectivity to fulfill their vital national security functions.

HPT seeks this waiver for a new FSS C-Band earth station located on the island of Saipan. More than 50,000 people live on Saipan, which sits more than 125 miles north of Guam. Saipan is more than 1,600 miles east of Manila, Philippines and is more than 3,700 miles west southwest of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Because of Saipan's remoteness, the Commission should view HPT's waiver request in the overall context of the unique challenges faced by service providers on Saipan. In similar contexts, the Commission has identified special conditions associated with building in places like

⁴ 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/>.

Hawaii or Alaska (albeit without the short construction season Alaska experiences).⁵ Among other things, challenges of providing service on Saipan include the difficulty in transporting fuel and other necessary infrastructure to the island and its remoteness, lack of road access, limited scalability per community/island, limited satellite and backhaul availability, and susceptibility to extreme weather conditions. These challenges make the provision of service to Saipan both challenging and vital.

Moreover, the additional backhaul capacity and redundancy offered by HPT's new FSS earth station on Saipan will serve the public interest. As noted above, military installations in the Pacific along with local hospitals, weather services, public safety agencies, and schools all rely on the internet access and/or IP connectivity that HPT's satellite transport service will provide. These types of national security, public safety, and educational users are a primary reason the Commission consider dependable broadband access and IP connectivity core public interest policy goals going forward. In addition to these critical users, HPT's satellite services can also support a variety of other commercial and residential services, bringing new competitive service offerings to Saipan. This added competition among internet access and IP backhaul providers further serves the public interest, especially on Saipan where capital costs of deployment and barriers to entry are otherwise exceptionally high.

HPT has no viable alternative to its planned satellite service offering. As noted above, undersea cables do service Saipan, but installing additional new cables would take years of planning and deployment and cost significantly more than HPT's satellite service. Installing another undersea cable also would not provide the same kind of backup resiliency as HPT's

⁵ See, e.g., *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).

satellite service because multiple undersea cables are similarly susceptible to damage (such as from super typhoons like the one Saipan experienced last year).

Finally, granting HPT's waiver request will not undermine the objectives of the Filing Freeze. The Filing Freeze was implemented to allow the Commission to fully consider the record in its pending C-Band proceeding "while limiting the potential for speculative applications that might be filed in anticipation of potential future actions by the Commission."⁶ HPT recognizes the importance of the Commission's ongoing efforts to facilitate the deployment of 5G technology by ensuring the most efficient use of spectrum resources in the United States. However, again, because of Saipan's remoteness, HPT's deployment on Saipan will not have a meaningful impact on the Commission's C-Band proceeding. For example, a primary concern of the ongoing proceeding is how best to allocate spectrum to support 5G deployment in spectrum constrained areas in the continental United States (and to some extent in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico). Deployment of HPT's satellite service on Saipan will have no impact on the Commission's decision as to how best to allocate spectrum in those geographic locations. Furthermore, HPT's deployment is not speculative or intended to take advantage of any eventual rule changes because HPT's service on Saipan is demand-based and will not change (other than as required by the Commission) based on future C-Band rule changes.

Accordingly, for the reasons described above, HPT respectfully requests that the Commission grant its waiver request and allow HPT to file an application to register or license the operation of its FSS earth station in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band on Saipan. Waiver is warranted because (1) HPT's service is in the public interest, (2) the provision of that service on Saipan would otherwise be infeasible based on the unique difficulties of providing service on the island,

⁶ Filing Freeze PN at 3.

and (3) granting HPT's waiver request would not undermine the purpose of the Bureau's Filing Freeze.