

Public Interest Statement

BlackSky Global, LLC (“BlackSky”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s Rules, hereby requests an extension of special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate its North Pole, Alaska earth station facility that allows for control of its Global-1 and Global-2 satellites¹ as set forth in its pending application for permanent licensed authority (the “Earth Station Application”).² BlackSky is filing this STA extension request out of an abundance of caution; its previously-filed extension request, which sought an extension through a date that is approaching, remains pending.

The Commission granted STA for 60 days on an interim basis in accordance with the technical specifications in BlackSky’s Earth Station Application.³ BlackSky sought to extend the original STA for 180 days before the January 17, 2019 expiration date and an impending government shutdown.⁴ That extension sought extension of STA to July 16, 2019, but as the Earth Station Application remains pending, BlackSky hereby seeks further extension for an additional 180 days or until the Earth Station Application can be granted whichever occurs first.

BlackSky’s request is supported by good cause. While the underlying application has been accepted for filing⁵ and is now ripe for grant, extending BlackSky’s STA, which will enable BlackSky to continue to control the operations of Global-1 and Global-2 from the North Pole, Alaska earth station. This control is essential to maintaining the satellites in a safe and stable orbit. Such maintenance is not only vital for the satellites themselves, but for the protection of other satellites in orbit.

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, BlackSky asks that its STA extension request be granted.

¹ FCC call sign S3032.

² SES-LIC-20180607-01260, Call sign E180696.

³ SES-STA-20181024-03112.

⁴ SES-STA-20181228-03575.

⁵ See *Public Notice*, Satellite Communications Services re: Satellite Radio Applications Accepted for Filing, Report No. SES-02111, rel Nov 7, 2018.

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