

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC (“Comcast”) requests a sixty (60) day extension of its Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate a previously licensed transmit C-band earth station facility (E940006) which is otherwise set to expire on November 26, 2019.¹ The purpose of this request is to authorize continued interim operation of this facility pending action on Comcast’s license application for permanent operating authority.² As set forth below, FCC approval of this request will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 25.120(b)(1) of the Commission’s rules provides that STA may be granted upon a finding of “extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operations in the public interest and that a delay in the institution of service would seriously prejudice the public interest.”³ Section 25.120(b)(3) further provides that the Commission may grant STAs for a period of sixty (60) days without placing the request on public notice where the applicant plans to file a request for regulatory authority. Comcast submits that the instant request satisfies both rule sections.

The subject earth station is located at Comcast’s national transmission center in Littleton, Colorado. Comcast uses the Littleton complex to distribute video programming to its cable television headends throughout the country, and to otherwise provide support to its various media operations. Comcast holds many FCC authorizations for earth stations located at the Littleton complex. In the past year, it has filed timely renewal applications for dozens of earth station authorizations and also surrendered the authorizations for numerous earth stations. Due to an accidental administrative error, however, the license for this station expired on December 17, 2018 without a renewal application being filed.

No party will be prejudiced by FCC grant of this STA extension request. The subject station was previously licensed and the transmit frequencies remain protected in the frequency coordinator’s database. Moreover, prior coordination notifications were mailed to all interested parties via first class U.S. Mail on August 21, 2019, and a new radiation hazard study was completed for this facility.

Favorable action on this request will also serve the public interest. As indicated, the station is being used to distribute video programming to Comcast customers nationwide and will continue to be operated in accordance with the technical parameters set forth on the station’s most recent license authorization. Grant of the requested STA extension will thus simply maintain the operational authority of an earth station that has been used by Comcast for many years without prejudice to any party. Accordingly, Comcast submits that FCC approval of this request for STA extension is warranted.

¹ See SES-STA-20190828-01118.

² See SES-LIC-20190927-01238.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(1).