

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Global Eagle Telecom Licensing Subsidiary LLC (“Global Eagle”), pursuant to Section 25.120(b) of the FCC’s Rules, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for an additional period of sixty (60) days to operate its licensed Ku-band network of Earth Stations Aboard Aircraft (“ESAA”) (Call Sign E080100) using space segment capacity on the SES, S.A. SES-14 satellite (“SES-14”) at 47.5° W.L. Global Eagle has filed an application to modify its license on a permanent basis to specify long-term operation on SES-14 at 47.5° W.L. consistent with the terms of SES’s U.S. Permitted List operations at this orbital location under Call Sign S2974. *See* FCC File No. SAT-PPL-20160918-00093 (granted Feb. 9, 2017).

An initial 60-day STA was granted on July 29, 2019 for a period ending September 27, 2019. *See* FCC File No. SES-STA-20190710-00915. The application for STA for an additional 60-day period filed September 26, 2019 remains pending. *See* FCC File No. SES-STA-20190926-01245.

Global Eagle’s operations employing capacity on the SES-14 satellite do not cause harmful interference to any adjacent satellites operating in accordance with FCC’s two-degree spacing policy. Global Eagle included as an annex to its modification application a coordination certification letter from SES, pursuant to Sections 25.227(b)(2) and 25.220(d) of the Commission’s Rules, covering the proposed operation. The proposed operations will also comply with Global Eagle’s existing, long-term coordination agreements with the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Under Section 25.120(b)(1) of the FCC’s Rules, the International Bureau may grant an STA when the public interest supports the relief requested, and/or delay in the institution of temporary operations would be contrary to the public interest. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(1). Such authority may be granted for a period not to exceed 60 days where the applicant has filed a request for permanent authority for the parameters and facilities requested. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(3). This is the case here, where Global Eagle has filed an application to modify its license permanently to permit access to SES 14 at the 47.5° W.L. orbital location for the duration of SES’s operation of the satellite at that location.

Grant of the continued authority requested here will continue to promote the public interest by permitting Global Eagle to provide enhanced service to its customers using capacity on the SES-14 satellite. Use of SES-14 will maintain effective coverage of all U.S. domestic routes currently served by Global Eagle, particularly those in the Eastern United States and trans-Atlantic and Caribbean routes. Grant of the requested STA is consistent with Commission policy and will not adversely affect other authorized operations. Global Eagle acknowledges that any action taken pursuant to a grant of the requested STA continues to be at its own risk, and respectfully requests that the FCC grant it authority as of November 26, 2019, for an additional period of sixty (60) days, to use the SES 14 satellite as a point of communication in the Ku-band in the United States using the two types of TECOM antennas now operating under its FCC ESAA network license.