

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION
AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TEMPORARY FILING FREEZE**

Hawaii Pacific Teleport, L.P. (“HPT”) pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.120, respectfully requests an extension of special temporary authorization (“STA”) to operate a 4.8m fixed earth station (the “4.8m station”) located at Rota Cable Landing Station in Rota, the southernmost island of the United States Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The 4.8m station will communicate with JSAT 2B in the C-band. The Commission has granted STA to operate in Rota and that STA expires March 6, 2020 (SES-STA-20191210-01686).

HPT has filed a request for regular authority to provide service to Rota. The current request is being made to continue to provide telecommunications services to the area while the license application is pending (SES-LIC-20191210-01684). During a tropical storm, several large boulders rolled onto the main carrier undersea cable connecting to Rota. This caused an island-wide outage for Rota. While the population of Rota is small, with an estimated population of 3,283 (based on census information from 2000), the people there depend on connectivity for their livelihood and educational needs. An island-wide outage of this magnitude affects mobile phone access, as well as, land line telephones, internet, and cable TV service. Since the outage, the carrier has been able to obtain limited access to an alternate cable, but this is not a total solution. HPT would like to continue to operate the 4.8m station on Rota to restore services until the cable can be fixed. HPT would then maintain the antenna as a backup in the future.

Grant of the extension of STA is in the public interest. Due to the magnitude of the telecommunications difficulties on Rota due to the fiber cut, it is in the public interest to grant the STA to allow for restoration of vital communications services to the people of Rota.

Finally, HPT is aware of the C-band filing freeze and has filed a waiver request with its license application for the operations and also requests waiver of the filing freeze for this extension request. Acceptance of and grant of this request for extension of STA in these extraordinary circumstances, would not undermine the objectives of the C-band filing freeze and would serve the public interest by promoting the telecommunications and associated vital interests of Rota. Also, as HPT has been operating under the current STA and is unaware of any interference issues and the extension of STA would be continue to be granted on a non-interference and unprotected basis, there would be no adverse impact to the grant of the STA.

In view of the foregoing, the public interest would be served by a grant of an extension of STA to allow HPT to continue to provide C-band services utilizing JSAT 2B and a waiver of the temporary filing freeze.