

EXHIBIT A – NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Planet Labs Inc. (Planet) respectfully requests that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) grant Planet Special Temporary Authority (STA) for a period of 60 days to communicate with the SkySat satellite system (Call Sign S2862)¹ using the earth station located in Maddock, ND (Call Sign E150004).² Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing Planet to begin testing of the earth station site to support operations of the SkySat constellation, pending the request for regular authority to add the SkySat system as a point of communications for the earth station.³

In support of the grant of this application, Planet notes that the earth station is already licensed by the Commission for communication with Planet's Flock satellite system (Call Sign S2912),⁴ which operates in the same frequencies used by the SkySat system. Additionally, Planet is in the process of coordinating the proposed use with affected operators, including NASA.

¹ See File No. SAT-MOD-20170317-00053 (granted 06/28/17).

² See File No. SES-MOD-20171002-01098 (granted 10/25/18).

³ See File No. SES-MOD-20200117-00047 (filed 01/17/19); *see also* File No. SAT-MOD-20191217-00148 (filed 12/17/19).

⁴ See File No. SAT-MOD-20170713-00103 (granted 07/19/18).