

Public Interest Statement

BlackSky Global LLC (“BlackSky”) is currently authorized to operate the referenced Brewster, Washington earth station facility to provide: (i) launch and early operations services for its Global 7 and Global 8 satellites; and (ii) for operations support for its Global non-geostationary orbit (“NGSO”) satellite network (each under S3032) pursuant to the Commission’s grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”).¹ The STA grants authority to operate the earth station on an interim basis in accordance with the technical specifications in BlackSky’s pending application for permanent license authority for the station (the “Earth Station Application”),² as limited by the conditions that are stated in the STA.

The STA provides authority to operate the earth station until August 17, 2020. It is unclear, however, whether BlackSky’s pending Earth Station Application will be granted prior to the expiration of the STA. Out of an abundance of caution, BlackSky hereby requests an extension of its STA through the earlier of: (1) grant of its earth station application; and (2) 180 days from August 17, 2020.

BlackSky notes the following developments since the grant of the STA all of which support its extension. First, the launch of Global 7 and Global 8 has been delayed by, among other things, weather problems. The launch is now scheduled to occur this week. Use of the Brewster earth station remains essential for the launch and early operations phase of those satellites which will now extend beyond the current STA period and is also important to support the ongoing operation of BlackSky’s Global NGSO satellite network.

Second, the Earth Station Application was placed on Public Notice on June 17, 2020.³ The comment period has now passed without objections or other comments being filed with respect to the Application.

¹ *Public Notice: Report No. SES-02279, Satellite Communications Services Information, Actions Taken, BlackSky Global, LLC, SES-STA-20200513-0053, E202003, grant effective Jun 18, 2020 (rel. Jun 24, 2020).*

² BlackSky Global, LLC, *Application for a Transmit-Receive Earth Station in Brewster, WA, IBFS File No. SES-LIC-20200513-00530.*

³ *Public Notice: Report No. SES-02276, Satellite Communications Services Information, Satellite Radio Applications Accepted for Filing, BlackSky Global, LLC, SES-LIC-20200513-00530, E202003 (rel. Jun 17, 2020).*

Third, coordination of BlackSky's operation of the Brewster earth station with NASA is now complete.

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