

Public Interest Statement

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's Rules, Telesat Network Services, Inc. ("Telesat") requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on March 1, 2021, to add the Anik F1 satellite at 109.2° WL as a point of communication for its earth station located in Mt. Jackson Virginia, call sign E060351. Anik F1 is currently deployed at 107.3° WL and previously was on the Commission's Permitted List at that orbital location.¹ A petition for declaratory ruling ("PDR") to add Anik F1 to the Permitted List at the new 109.2° WL orbital location is pending and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.²

Telesat seeks this STA so the Mt. Jackson earth station may serve as a back-up location for Anik F1's telemetry, tracking and command ("TT&C") while the PDR is pending. The TT&C carriers will operate in accordance with the already-licensed parameters for the Mt. Jackson earth station; the only change will be to add Anik F1 at 109.2° WL as a point of communication. Once the PDR has been granted, back-up TT&C authority will be covered by the Permitted List authority for the Mt. Jackson earth station.

There is good cause for granting Telesat's STA request. Providing back-up TT&C authority for Anik F1 will ensure that it can be maintained in a safe and stable orbit, thereby protecting Anik F1 and other satellites and making Anik F1 available to provide new capacity to support aero and maritime services in the United States, the Caribbean, and Central America.

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

¹ See *Telesat Canada, Petition for Declaratory Ruling for Inclusion of ANIK F1 on the Permitted Space Station List*, FCC File No. SAT-PDR-20000420-00083, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 24828 (2000), and *Telesat Canada, Petition for Declaratory Ruling for Inclusion of ANIK F1 on the Permitted Space Station List*, FCC File No. SAT-PDR-20000420-00083, Order, 16 FCC Rcd 16365 (2001). Telesat Canada subsequently surrendered its market access grant for Anik F1 at 107.3° WL. See letter from Joseph A. Godles, attorney for Telesat Canada, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, FCC call sign S2745 (July 15, 2020). Anik F1 is owned and operated by Telesat's parent company, Telesat Canada.

² *Telesat Canada, Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Add ANIK F1 at 109.2 Degrees WL to the Permitted List*, IBFS File No. SAT-PPL-20210108-00005, call sign S3079. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada ("ISED") has authorized the drift of Anik F1 from 107.3° WL to 109.2° WL. Telesat Canada has requested approval from ISED to operate Anik F1 at 109.2° WL once relocation has been completed.