

Public Interest Statement

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's Rules, Telesat Network Services, Inc. ("Telesat") requests an extension for up to thirty (30) days, beginning on March 31, 2021, of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") 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.

Telesat was granted an initial 30-day STA, beginning March 1, 2021,¹ pending action on a petition for declaratory ruling ("PDR") to add Anik F1 to the Permitted List at 109.2° WL.² Telesat requests an extension for up to 30 days because the PDR remains pending.³

Telesat seeks this STA extension so the Mt. Jackson earth station may continue to 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.

As with its initial request, there is good cause for granting Telesat's extension request. Providing back-up TT&C authority for Anik F1 will ensure that the satellite 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 extension request be granted.

¹ *Public Notice, Satellite Communications Services Information re Actions Taken, Report No. SES-02342, FCC File No. SES-STA-20210125-00145* (rel. Mar 3, 2021).

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. Telesat Canada has received approval from Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada to operate Anik F1 at 109.2° WL.

³ Anik F1 previously was on the Commission's Permitted List at 107.3° WL. *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.