

1 June 2022

Jessica Rosenworcel
Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC, United States 20554

**RE: EXPEDITIONS COMMUNICATIONS LLC – MOBILE VSAT NETWORK IN GUAM
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY APPLICATION**

Dear Ms. Rosenworcel,

We filed an application on the 18th of May for a mobile VSAT Network to be located in Guam, on behalf of Expedition Communications LLC (Expedition Communications). As described in the said application, that mobile VSAT is to be used to support the First Responder Network (FirstNet) in Guam, in that instance by providing a service restoration option in the event of a disaster. As the FCC will know, FirstNet is the nation's communications network dedicated to emergency responders. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) file number for that earlier application is SES-LIC-20220519-00577.

We now make this application for a Special Temporary Authority (STA) in relation to that same facility. In keeping with the ordinary FCC licensing process we would not expect the longer-term license to be ready before later in the month of June. Prior to that the system must be tested and we are now informed that this is now an urgent requirement given the rapid approach of the hurricane season in Guam. Hurricane season typically begins in June in Guam, and the core purpose of the facility being precisely to deal with emergencies, they must proceed to testing immediately in order to ensure readiness by that time. Although we are confident that the FCC's review of application SES-LIC-20220519-00577 will be completed much earlier, if agreeable to the FCC, we would ask for an STA of 60 days to avoid any chance of a gap between the two licenses. Alternately, if more suitable to the FCC, for the STA to run from its issuance, to issuance of the license which would result from application SES-LIC-20220519-00577, if granted by the FCC.

The law firm of Hyde & Associates specializes in satellite regulatory issues and has been retained by Expedition Communications to ensure compliance of its network with applicable regulations. As such, we are at the full disposal of the FCC for any additional information that may be required.

Best Regards,



Christian Hyde
Director