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Astro Digital US, Inc. (“Astro Digital”) requests special temporary authority (“STA”)¹ for a period of 30 days to communicate with the Varuna spacecraft (ELS File No. 0279-EX-CN-2022)², which is owned and controlled by The Boeing Company (“Boeing”), commencing on the deployment of the satellite, which is presently scheduled for September 4, 2022. Astro Digital is providing TT&C ground station support for the Varuna mission.

Astro Digital has separately applied for a modification to its Earth station license to add the Varuna spacecraft as a point of communication.³ That application is still pending. Accordingly, Astro Digital respectfully requests the Commission grant this STA expeditiously to accommodate the launch of the Varuna spacecraft pending Commission action on Astro Digital’s associated earth station modification application for regular authority.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

² See Application of The Boeing Company, ELS File No. 0279-EX-CN-2022 (granted Aug. 15, 2022).

³ See Application of Astro Digital US, Inc., IBFS File No. SES-MOD-20220614-00645 (filed June 2, 2022).