

Request For Extension of Special Temporary Authority

ESPN. Inc. (“ESPN”) was granted Special Temporary Authority on 7/14/2022¹ and subsequently filed an extension of Special Temporary Authority on 09/09/2022² to permit continued operations of its fixed satellite earth station Call Sign E070055 for a period of up to sixty (60) days during the pendency of its Petition for Waiver, Reinstatement and Renewal (“Petition”).³ ESPN hereby requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) effective as of 11/08/2022, and for a period of up to 60 days post grant, to permit continued operations of its fixed satellite earth station Call Sign E070055 while the Petition remains pending. Section 25.120(b)(1) permits the grant of STA where the public interest supports the relief request and/or delay in the institution of the requested temporary operations would be contrary to the public interest.⁴ Such authority may be granted for up to 60 days where, as here, the applicant has filed a request for permanent authority for the parameters and facilities requested.⁵

Grant of the requested STA extension will promote the public interest by permitting ESPN to maintain operation of its previously authorized uplink facilities as a critical component of its nationwide content distribution network. ESPN acknowledges that any action taken pursuant to an extension of the STA will continue to be at its own risk. Accordingly, as detailed herein and in the Petition, and consistent with the International Bureau’s July 14, 2022 grant of the initial STA, there is good cause for grant of this extension of STA request.

¹ See IBFS File No. SES-STA-20220628-00711 (July 14, 2022)

² See IBFS File N. SES-STA-20220909-00956 (Sept. 09, 2022) (The Commission has not yet acted on this STA request and it remains pending at this time).

³ See Petition for Waiver, Reinstatement, and Renewal, Filed in IBFS File No. SES-LIC-20070330-00430 (Filed June 28, 2022).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(1).

⁵ *Id.* § 25.120(b)(3).