Public Interest Statement

Hawaii Pacific Teleport, L.P. ("HPT") has requested modification of its license to add the Telstar 18 VANTAGE ("T18V") satellite, also known as Apstar 5C, as a point of communication to its earth station in Kapolei, Hawaii, Call Sign E010016.[1] That application remains pending.

HTP also requested, and was granted, initial special temporary authority ("STA") for a period of sixty (60) days, commencing on October 26, 2018, to operate the earth station using T18V as a point of communication in accordance with the technical specifications in HPT's modification application.[2] Out of an abundance of caution, HPT has continued to seek extension of its STA for 180 days or until the modification application is granted.[3]

There has been no decision on HPT's modification application or its STA extension request. Accordingly, once again out of an abundance of caution, HTP submits this request for a further 180-day extension of its STA. The STA and modification will enable HPT to continue providing telemetry, tracking and command ("TT&C") and to support communications traffic for T18V.

There is good cause for extending HPT's STA, which will enable HPT to continue to control T18V under the direction and supervision of the satellite operator. This control is essential to maintaining the satellite in a safe and stable orbit. Such maintenance is not only vital for T18V, but for the protection of other satellites in orbit. Similarly, an extension of the STA will ensure continuity of service. Any gap in service would be severely detrimental to HPT and customers using T18V and would adversely affect the ability of HPT and the satellite operator to provide competitive services between the United States and Asia/Oceania in C-band.

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

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[1] FCC File No. SES-MFS-20180921-02789.

[2] *See* FCC File No. SES-STA-20180928-02887 (granted on October 18, 2018). HPT originally requested an STA commencing on October 19, 2018, but later changed that to October 26, 2018. *See* email from Joseph A. Godles to Paul Blais, FCC, File No. SES-STA-20180928-02887 (Oct. 9, 2018).

[3] *See* FCC File Nos. SES-STA-20181022-03259, SES-STA-20200619-00665, SES-STA-20201203-01302, SES-STA-20210611-00928, SES-STA-20211130-01848, and SES-STA-20220519-00578.