

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

BlackSky Global LLC (“BlackSky”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for permission for a period of sixty (60) days to receive signals from its already authorized non-geostationary orbit satellite constellation¹ on additional UHF channels to those UHF channels already authorized for receipt at its Brewster, Washington satellite earth station facility. The technical specifications for these operations are set forth in Schedule B of BlackSky’s application to modify its license to operate the Brewster facility which is being filed contemporaneously with this STA request (“Modification Application”). Expedited action on this matter is requested for the reasons set forth below.

BlackSky submits this STA request and the associated Modification Application to correct an inadvertent omission that it recently discovered in its licensing for the Brewster station when reviewing the license for contemplated changes that will be necessary in the future for operation of its constellation at such time that a pending modification application is granted.² The existing license shows transmit and receive channels that correspond to the channels that were originally authorized for BlackSky’s satellite constellation. Unfortunately, when BlackSky’s satellite constellation license was previously modified, among other things to add additional UHF downlink channels, through inadvertence BlackSky failed to seek modification of its earth station license to add these receive channels to its earth station license. Continuing operation on these additional channels from the constellation (and receipt at Brewster) is necessary for BlackSky to comply with frequency coordination conditions on its satellite constellation license that limit the number of satellites from which BlackSky may transmit on individual UHF channels at any one time.³

BlackSky takes its FCC and other regulatory obligations seriously and has a record of compliance both with the FCC and all other federal, state, and local agencies to which its operations are subject. BlackSky’s record before the FCC and other federal agencies reflects numerous instances where it has sought and received prior consent to

¹ See *Policy Branch Information: Actions Taken*, Public Notice, BlackSky Global LLC, FCC Call Sign S3032, IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20190802-00070, DA No. 20-569 (rel May 29, 2020).

² *Stamp Grant*, BlackSky Global LLC, Granted in Part and Deferred in Part, FCC Call Sign S3032, IBFS File Nos SAT-MOD-20211230-00205 and SAT-AMD-20220805-00078 (corrected and reissued Feb 9, 2023).

³ *Id.* at conditions 4 - 6. Operation on these additional channels from BlackSky’s constellation was first authorized by IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20190802-00070 and commenced later that year (See note 1). At that time, the Brewster satellite earth station was operated under STA, while BlackSky’s application for regular authority was pending.

modifications of its facilities. BlackSky regrets its error in this particular instance in not seeking timely modification of its earth station authorization. In this case, BlackSky quite simply overlooked the modification of its earth station license to reflect the authorization for its constellation license to add the additional receive channels.

To ensure this omission does not happen again, BlackSky has developed a checklist that will be integrated into its compliance plans when modifying its regulatory licenses. The plan will be maintained by BlackSky's regulatory counsel and updated in accordance with the FCC's regulations and BlackSky's license conditions .

For the reasons set forth above, BlackSky requests expedited grant of this request to bring its receipt of signals at its Brewster satellite earth station into compliance while its request for permanent modification of its Brewster earth station license remains pending.