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Request for Special Temporary Authority
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Viasat, Inc. hereby requests an extension, for an additional sixty (60 days), of its existing special temporary authority (“STA”) permitting currently licensed M40 and GM40 terminals (collectively, the “Terminals”) to continue to communicate with the Hylas-3 payload located at 142.5° E.L.¹

The Terminals are transmit/receive aeronautical earth stations and would continue to operate with Hylas-3 in portions of the conventional Ka band, specifically the 19.7-20.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 29.5-30.0 GHz (Earth-to-space) band segments. Operations pursuant to this STA would continue to be limited to communications with U.S.-flagged aircraft operating outside of U.S. airspace, primarily over the Pacific Ocean.

Viasat has filed an application for modification of its existing earth station license to add Hylas-3 as an authorized point of communication for the Terminals limited to communications with U.S.-flagged aircraft outside of U.S. airspace (the “Application”).² Operations under the STA continue to be under the same technical and operational parameters specified in the Application. Grant of the requested STA would continue to serve the public interest for the same reasons specified in the Application, including by facilitating Viasat’s ability to continue to operate its broadband satellite network and provide enhanced services to customers onboard U.S. aircraft.

All operations with the Hylas-3 payload would continue to be consistent with the Commission’s regulatory framework for the Ka band and rules applicable to aeronautical earth stations in motion (“ESIMs”), comport with the technical and operational parameters specified in the Application, and otherwise be consistent with the operational and technical parameters currently authorized for use of the Terminals with other satellites.

Viasat would continue to operate pursuant to the STA on a non-protected, non-harmful interference basis. In the unlikely event of harmful interference caused by Viasat’s operations under the STA, Viasat would take steps to eliminate such interference, including termination of transmissions if needed. The U.S. point of contact available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with authority and ability to cease emissions is:

349 Inverness Drive South
Englewood, CO 80112
Tel: 720-493-7300

¹ See Viasat, Inc., Call Sign E180006, ICFS File No. SES-STA-20251121-01034 (granted Dec. 5, 2025); SES-STA-20260109-00650 (granted Feb. 24, 2026).

² See Viasat, Inc., Call Sign E180006, ICFS File No. SES-MOD-20251121-01031 (filed Dec. 3, 2025) (the “Application”).