

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Arctec Alaska JV (“Arctec”) has applied for a modification of its earth station license to add C-band frequencies, add an associated emission designator, add points of communication, and remove an unnecessary antenna.¹ Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules² and in accordance with the Commission’s expedited processing procedures³ for grants of earth station Special Temporary Authority (“STA”), Arctec requested and was granted STA for a period of one-hundred and eighty (180) days to operate its earth station in accordance with the parameters specified in its modification application from March 4, 2026 to August 30, 2026.⁴

Arctec hereby requests an extension of STA for an additional one-hundred and eighty (180) days, until February 26, 2027 or until the modification application is granted, whichever occurs first. As stated in Arctec’s original STA request, the changes sought in Arctec’s modification application were requested, in part, so Arctec could support its customer the United States Air Force (“USAF”). Processing delays for earth station applications had prevented Arctec from moving forward. An extension of Arctec’s STA covering the period Arctec’s modification application is pending would enable Arctec to continue the service it has been providing.

As set forth in Arctec’s modification application, the new frequencies requested in the application have been successfully coordinated. Moreover, operations under the STA extension Arctec is requesting herein will be on a non-interference basis.

The Commission’s expedited STA procedures provide that the Commission will place an earth station modification application and an associated request for a 180-day STA on public notice simultaneously and will deem the STA request granted when the public notice is released.⁵ To be eligible for this “deem granted” treatment, the applicant must clearly state in both its earth station application and its associated STA request that the two filings are connected. Arctec’s initial STA was granted under these expedited procedures.

¹ Arctec Alaska JV, Application for Modification of Earth Station Access to US Market, SES-MFS-20250219-00185 (filed Feb. 19, 2025).

² 47 CFR § 25.120.

³ *Space Bureau Announces Temporary Expedited Processing Procedures for Earth Station Applications Seeking Special Temporary Authority*, Public Notice DA 25-207, 40 FCC Rcd 1558 (2025) (“STA PN”).

⁴ *Satellite Communications Services: Actions Taken*, Public Notice, Report No. SES-02843, p. 24 (rel. Mar. 11, 2026).

⁵ *Id.*

The expedited procedures also provide that “[a]ll 180-day STAs associated with an underlying license or modification application that remain pending will automatically renew upon filing of an application to extend the 180-day STA.”⁶

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, Arctec respectfully that its STA extension request be deemed automatically renewed.

⁶ STA PN at 3.