

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

The International Bureau previously granted a request filed by O3b Limited (“O3b”) for special temporary authority (“STA”) to provide emergency connectivity services in Puerto Rico over the O3b satellite system using a 1.2m earth station at a location in Isabela, Puerto Rico.¹

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules,² O3b hereby requests an extension of its STA covering the 30-day period between December 13, 2017 and January 12, 2018.³

O3b’s extension request is supported by good cause. An extension will enable O3b to continue providing service in Puerto Rico, where a majority of the terrestrial cellular infrastructure remains out of service.⁴ Grant of this extension request will serve the public interest by allowing O3b’s customer to continue to provide internet connectivity throughout its Puerto Rican facility. This will allow a large local employer to restore its normal business operations and provide an economic boost to the region as it recovers from the impact of the recent storms.

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, O3b respectfully requests that its STA extension request be granted.

¹ See FCC File No. SES-STA-20171106-01237, granted Nov. 13, 2017.

² 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

³ O3b expects that service will end on December 16, 2017.

⁴ See, e.g., “Communications Status Report for Areas Impacted by Hurricane Maria,” (rel. Nov. 2, 2017), available at: http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db1101/DOC-347553A1.pdf.