

## Public Interest Statement

BlackSky Global, LLC (“BlackSky”), operates the referenced North Pole, Alaska earth station facility for communications with its Global-1 and Global-2 satellites pursuant to the Commission’s grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”).<sup>1</sup> The STA allows operation of the earth station on an interim basis in accordance with the technical specifications in BlackSky’s pending application for permanent license authority for the station (the “Earth Station Application”).<sup>2</sup>

The STA is due to expire January 17, 2019 and it is unclear whether BlackSky’s pending Earth Station Application will be granted prior to the expiration of the STA. Out of an abundance of caution, BlackSky hereby requests an extension of its STA through the earlier of: (1) grant of its earth station application; and (2) 180 days from January 17, 2019.

There is good cause for extending BlackSky’s STA, which will enable BlackSky to continue to control the operations of Global-1 and Global-2 from the North Pole, Alaska earth station. This control is essential to maintaining the satellites in a safe and stable orbit. Such maintenance is not only vital for the satellites themselves, but for the protection of other satellites in orbit.

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

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<sup>1</sup> SES-STA-20181024-03112

<sup>2</sup> SES-LIC-20180607-01260