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Attachment 1

Public Interest Statement

Pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's Rules, ATLAS Space Operations, Inc ("ATLAS") requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for a period of sixty (60) days, commencing on April 1, 2019, for the operation of a satellite earth station in Guam to communicate with the Global 1-4 satellites in accordance with parameters set forth in our pending application for regular license authority to operate this station (See *FCC call sign E190037* and *Application for Earth Station Authority, File No. SES-LIC-20181224-03650*). That Application remains pending and has not yet gone on Public Notice.

On October 23, 2018, the Commission granted BlackSky a (corrected) space station license for its 4-satellite Global constellation. See *FCC call sign S3032, File No. SAT-LOA-20180320-00023*. Global-1 launched in November 2018 and Global-2 launched in December, 2018. Global-3 and Global-4 are scheduled for launch in April 2019. The ATLAS satellite earth station in Guam is required to provide TT&C and downlink support to the Global 1-4 constellation, particularly Global-3 and Global-4.

As shown in the pending Application, operation of the earth station has been coordinated with the local license holders and a frequency coordination and interference analysis report has been produced for the S-band transmissions while the UHF-band efforts are being completed now. We understand that BlackSky is pending completion of coordination efforts with NASA for space-to-Earth transmissions in the 8025-8400 MHz frequency band towards the Guam earth station and therefore will not transmit in this band until this coordination effort is complete.

Operation of the Guam earth station from April 1, 2019 is important in reducing the risks of early operations of Global-3 and Global-4, scheduled for launch later in April. The proposed operations will enable frequent, predictable contact with each spacecraft to support potential collision avoidance and perform orbit maintenance. We understand that operation of the Guam earth station is important to protect and maintain Global-3 and Global-4 in safe and stable orbits and that granting the STA would well serve the public interest.

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