

### **EXHIBIT A – NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Planet Labs Inc. (Planet) respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the Special Temporary Authority (STA) that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) originally granted on March 13, 2020,<sup>1</sup> incorporated herein by reference, to communicate with the SkySat satellite system (Call Sign S2862)<sup>2</sup> using the earth station located in Maddock, ND (Call Sign E150004).<sup>3</sup>

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing Planet to support operations of the SkySat constellation, pending grant of the modification request for regular authority to add the SkySat system as a point of communications for the earth station.<sup>4</sup>

In support of the grant of this application, Planet notes that the earth station is already licensed by the Commission for communication with Planet's Flock satellite system (Call Sign S2912),<sup>5</sup> which operates in the same frequencies used by the SkySat system. The FCC has also already granted authority for Planet to operate the associated SkySat satellites in File No. SAT-MOD-20191217-00148 (granted 03/16/2020). Additionally, Planet is coordinating with affected operators, including NASA.

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<sup>1</sup> See File No. SES-STA-20200304-00213, extended in File No. SES-STA-20200507-00502.

<sup>2</sup> See File No. SAT-MOD-20170317-00053 (granted 06/28/2017).

<sup>3</sup> See File No. SES-MOD-20171002-01098 (granted 10/25/2018).

<sup>4</sup> See File No. SES-MOD-20200117-00047 (filed 01/17/2019, public notice 03/18/2020).

<sup>5</sup> See File No. SAT-MOD-20170713-00103 (granted 07/19/2018).