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To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for radiofrequency licensing authority relating to certain operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GUTHRIE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for radiofrequency licensing authority relating to certain operations, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Satellite And Tele-
5 communications Streamlining Act” or the “SAT Stream-
6 lining Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY REGARDING CERTAIN LICENSES.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT.—Part I of title III of the Commu-
3 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 346. RADIOFREQUENCY LICENSING AUTHORITY RE-**
6 **LATING TO CERTAIN OPERATIONS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) COVERED APPLICATION.—The term ‘cov-
9 ered application’ means an application for a license
10 or grant of market access to operate a system de-
11 scribed in subsection (c)(1)(B) or (d)(1)(B) that is
12 pending on the date of enactment of this section.

13 “(2) COVERED AUTHORIZATION.—The term
14 ‘covered authorization’ means—

15 “(A) a license or grant of market access
16 granted by the Commission to operate a system
17 described in subsection (c)(1)(B) or (d)(1)(B)
18 that is in effect on the date of enactment of
19 this section; or

20 “(B) a license or grant of market access
21 granted by Commission approval of a covered
22 application.

23 “(3) COVERED RADIOCOMMUNICATION SERV-
24 ICE.—The term ‘covered radiocommunication serv-
25 ice’—

1 “(A) means a radiocommunication service
2 (as defined in the radio regulations of the Inter-
3 national Telecommunication Union that are in
4 force as of the date of enactment of this sec-
5 tion, or any successor regulations); and

6 “(B) does not include any radionavigation
7 or safety service specifically identified by the
8 Commission as a safety service for aeronautical
9 or maritime transportation.

10 “(4) INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED EARTH STA-
11 TION.—The term ‘individually licensed earth station’
12 means an earth station, other than a blanket-li-
13 censed earth station, that sends a signal to, and re-
14 ceives a signal from—

15 “(A) a nongeostationary orbit space station
16 operated under a license granted under sub-
17 section (c)(1) or a grant of market access
18 granted under subsection (d)(1); or

19 “(B) a geostationary orbit space station
20 operated under a license granted under sub-
21 section (c)(2) or a grant of market access
22 granted under subsection (d)(2).

23 “(b) RULES.—Not later than 12 months after the
24 date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall

1 issue rules to amend part 25 of title 47, Code of Federal
2 Regulations, to establish—

3 “(1) for any license granted under subsection
4 (c), specific modifications, or classes of modifica-
5 tions, to the license that warrant expedited treat-
6 ment under subparagraph (A) or (B), as applicable,
7 of subsection (g)(2);

8 “(2) for any license granted under subsection
9 (c), grant of market access granted under subsection
10 (d), authorization granted under subsection (e), or
11 covered authorization, the manner in which the li-
12 censee, grantee, or entity shall notify the Commis-
13 sion of a request to submit a modification under
14 subsection (g)(3);

15 “(3) policies that promote the public interest,
16 convenience, and necessity, including through com-
17 petition, innovation, and efficient use of spectrum by
18 entities with covered authorizations, including by ac-
19 counting for advancements in technology capable of
20 managing interference concerns to the greatest ex-
21 tent practicable; and

22 “(4) for any application or request for modifica-
23 tion described in subsection (n), what constitutes re-
24 reportable foreign ownership for purposes of para-
25 graph (1) of that subsection.

1 “(c) APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.—

2 “(1) NGSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

4 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
5 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (5), and
6 subsection (m), not later than 1 year after
7 the date on which the Commission issues a
8 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
9 a written application submitted to the
10 Commission for a license described in sub-
11 paragraph (B) of this paragraph, the Com-
12 mission shall determine whether to grant
13 the application, including any amendment
14 to the application.

15 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—Except
16 as provided in paragraph (5) and sub-
17 section (m), if a major amendment (within
18 the meaning of section 25.116 of title 47,
19 Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
20 cessor regulation) to an application de-
21 scribed in clause (i) is submitted to the
22 Commission, the Commission shall deter-
23 mine whether to grant the application, in-
24 cluding the major amendment and any
25 other amendment to the application, not

1 later than 1 year after the date on which
2 the Commission issues a public notice of
3 the acceptance for filing of the major
4 amendment.

5 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
6 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
7 plication for a license for covered
8 radiocommunication services using—

9 “(i) a nongeostationary orbit space
10 station;

11 “(ii) a blanket-licensed earth station
12 or earth stations that will operate with a
13 nongeostationary orbit space station; or

14 “(iii) a nongeostationary orbit space
15 station and a blanket-licensed earth station
16 or earth stations that will operate with the
17 nongeostationary orbit space station.

18 “(2) GSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

20 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
21 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (5), and
22 subsection (m), not later than 1 year after
23 the date on which the Commission issues a
24 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
25 a written application submitted to the

1 Commission for a license described in sub-
2 paragraph (B) of this paragraph, the Com-
3 mission shall determine whether to grant
4 the application, including any amendment
5 to the application.

6 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—Except
7 as provided in paragraph (5) and sub-
8 section (m), if a major amendment (within
9 the meaning of section 25.116 of title 47,
10 Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
11 cessor regulation) to an application de-
12 scribed in clause (i) is submitted to the
13 Commission, the Commission shall deter-
14 mine whether to grant the application, in-
15 cluding the major amendment and any
16 other amendment to the application, not
17 later than 1 year after the date on which
18 the Commission issues a public notice of
19 the acceptance for filing of the major
20 amendment.

21 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
22 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
23 plication for a license for covered
24 radiocommunication services using—

1 “(i) a geostationary orbit space sta-
2 tion;

3 “(ii) a blanket-licensed earth station
4 or earth stations that will operate with a
5 geostationary orbit space station; or

6 “(iii) a geostationary orbit space sta-
7 tion and a blanket-licensed earth station or
8 earth stations that will operate with the
9 geostationary orbit space station.

10 “(3) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—In addition
11 to the application requirements described in section
12 308(b), an application submitted under paragraph
13 (1) or (2) shall include performance metrics with re-
14 spect to the frequencies and transmission power to
15 be used.

16 “(4) TERM OF INITIAL LICENSE.—The Com-
17 mission shall grant a license for a term not to exceed
18 15 years for any application granted under this sub-
19 section.

20 “(5) EXCEPTIONS.—The deadline for the deter-
21 mination required in paragraphs (1) and (2) may be
22 extended by the Commission for an application sub-
23 ject to review under subsection (m).

24 “(d) APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF MARKET AC-
25 CESS.—

1 “(1) NGSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

3 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
4 vided in clause (ii) and subsection (m),
5 after the date on which the Commission
6 issues a public notice of the acceptance for
7 filing of a written application submitted to
8 the Commission for market access de-
9 scribed in subparagraph (B) of this para-
10 graph, the Commission shall determine
11 whether to grant the application, including
12 any amendment to the application.

13 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
14 major amendment (within the meaning of
15 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
16 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
17 to an application described in clause (i) is
18 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-
19 sion shall determine whether to grant the
20 application, including the major amend-
21 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
22 plication, not later than 1 year after the
23 date on which the Commission issues a
24 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
25 the major amendment.

1 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
2 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
3 plication for market access within the United
4 States for covered radiocommunication services
5 using—

6 “(i) a nongeostationary orbit space
7 station;

8 “(ii) a blanket-licensed earth station
9 or earth stations that will operate with a
10 nongeostationary orbit space station; or

11 “(iii) a nongeostationary orbit space
12 station and a blanket-licensed earth station
13 or earth stations that will operate with the
14 nongeostationary orbit space station.

15 “(2) GSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

17 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
18 vided in clause (ii) and subsection (m),
19 after the date on which the Commission
20 issues a public notice of the acceptance for
21 filing of a written application submitted to
22 the Commission for market access de-
23 scribed in subparagraph (B), the Commis-
24 sion shall determine whether to grant the

1 application, including any amendment to
2 the application.

3 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
4 major amendment (within the meaning of
5 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
6 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
7 to an application described in clause (i) is
8 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-
9 sion shall determine whether to grant the
10 application, including the major amend-
11 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
12 plication, not later than 1 year after the
13 date on which the Commission issues a
14 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
15 the major amendment.

16 “(B) TYPE OF APPLICATION.—An applica-
17 tion described in this subparagraph is an appli-
18 cation for market access within the United
19 States for covered radiocommunication services
20 using a geostationary orbit space station.

21 “(3) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—In addition
22 to the application requirements described in section
23 308(b), an application submitted under paragraph
24 (1) or (2) shall include performance metrics with re-

1 spect to the frequencies and transmission power to
2 be used.

3 “(4) TERM OF INITIAL GRANT OF MARKET AC-
4 CESS.—The Commission shall grant market access
5 for a term not to exceed 15 years for any application
6 granted under this subsection.

7 “(e) EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATION.—

8 “(1) DETERMINATION REQUIRED FOR EARTH
9 STATIONS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

11 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
12 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (4), and
13 subsection (m), not later than 1 year after
14 the date on which the Commission issues a
15 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
16 a written application submitted to the
17 Commission for authorization described in
18 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the
19 Commission shall determine whether to
20 grant the application, including any
21 amendment to the application.

22 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
23 major amendment (within the meaning of
24 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
25 Regulations, or any successor regulation)

1 to an application described in clause (i) is
2 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-
3 sion shall determine whether to grant the
4 application, including the major amend-
5 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
6 plication, not later than 1 year after the
7 date on which the Commission issues a
8 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
9 the major amendment.

10 “(B) TYPE OF APPLICATION.—An applica-
11 tion described in this subparagraph is an appli-
12 cation for authorization to use an earth station.

13 “(2) DETERMINATION REQUIRED FOR RECEIVE-
14 ONLY EARTH STATIONS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

16 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
17 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (3), and
18 subsection (m), not later than 30 days
19 after the date on which the Commission
20 issues a public notice of the acceptance for
21 filing of a written application submitted to
22 the Commission for authorization described
23 in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the
24 Commission shall determine whether to

1 grant the application, including any
2 amendment to the application.

3 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
4 major amendment (within the meaning of
5 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
6 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
7 to an application described in clause (i) is
8 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-
9 sion shall determine whether to grant the
10 application, including the major amend-
11 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
12 plication, not later than 1 year after the
13 date on which the Commission issues a
14 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
15 the major amendment.

16 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATION.—An appli-
17 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
18 plication for authorization to use an earth sta-
19 tion or earth stations to receive a signal from—

20 “(i) a nongeostationary orbit space
21 station operated under a license granted
22 under subsection (c)(1) or a grant of mar-
23 ket access granted under subsection (d)(1);
24 or

1 “(ii) a geostationary orbit space sta-
2 tion operated under a license granted
3 under subsection (c)(2) or a grant of mar-
4 ket access granted under subsection (d)(2).

5 “(3) EXCEPTION.—The deadline for the deter-
6 mination required under paragraph (1) or (2) may
7 be extended by the Commission for an application
8 subject to review under subsection (n).

9 “(4) INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN BLANKET-
10 LICENSED EARTH STATIONS.—This subsection does
11 not apply with respect to an earth station or earth
12 stations to the extent that the earth station or earth
13 stations will be blanket-licensed with a space station,
14 as described in subsection (c)(1)(B)(ii),
15 (c)(1)(B)(iii), (c)(2)(B)(ii), (c)(2)(B)(iii),
16 (d)(1)(B)(ii), or (d)(1)(B)(iii).

17 “(f) RENEWAL OF LICENSE, GRANT OF MARKET AC-
18 CESS, OR AUTHORIZATION.—Except as provided in sub-
19 section (m), not later than 180 days after the date on
20 which the Commission receives a request for renewal of
21 a license granted under subsection (c), a grant of market
22 access granted under subsection (d), or an authorization
23 granted under subsection (e) from the licensee, grantee,
24 or entity with such authorization, as applicable—

1 “(1) if the Commission determines the require-
2 ments under section 309(k) have been met, the
3 Commission shall grant the request, including any
4 amendment to the request, and renew the license,
5 grant of market access, or authorization for a term
6 not to exceed the length of the initial term beginning
7 the day after the date on which the preceding term
8 of the license, grant of market access, or authoriza-
9 tion expires; or

10 “(2) the Commission shall make the determina-
11 tion described in section 309(k)(3) and deny the re-
12 quest, including any amendment to the request.

13 “(g) MODIFICATION OF LICENSE OR GRANT OF MAR-
14 KET ACCESS.—

15 “(1) MAJOR MODIFICATIONS.—

16 “(A) NGSO LICENSE MAJOR MODIFICA-
17 TIONS.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2),
18 (3), and (4) of this subsection and in subsection
19 (m), and not later than 1 year after the date
20 on which the Commission receives a request to
21 modify a license granted under subsection
22 (c)(1), the Commission shall determine whether
23 to grant the request (including any amendment
24 to the request).

1 “(B) GSO LICENSE AND GRANT OF MAR-
2 KET ACCESS MAJOR MODIFICATIONS.—Except
3 as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of
4 this subsection, the Commission may grant a
5 request (including any amendment to the re-
6 quest) to modify a license granted under sub-
7 section (c)(2) or a grant of market access
8 granted under subsection (d).

9 “(2) EXPEDITED TREATMENT FOR MINOR
10 MODIFICATIONS.—

11 “(A) NGSO LICENSE MODIFICATIONS.—
12 Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4)
13 of this subsection and in subsections (h) and
14 (m), and not later than 90 days after the date
15 on which the Commission receives a request to
16 modify a license granted under subsection
17 (c)(1), the Commission shall grant the request,
18 including any amendment to the request, if the
19 request is limited only to modifications, or a
20 class of modifications, that—

21 “(i) increase transmission capacity;

22 “(ii) improve spectral efficiency, such
23 as by improving compression technologies;

1 “(iii) comply with applicable technical
2 rules and do not cause harmful inter-
3 ference; or

4 “(iv) otherwise do not substantially
5 modify the space station authorized by the
6 license.

7 “(B) GSO LICENSE MODIFICATIONS.—Ex-
8 cept as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of
9 this subsection and in subsections (h) and (m),
10 and not later than 90 days after the date on
11 which the Commission receives a request to
12 modify a license granted under subsection
13 (c)(2), the Commission shall grant the request,
14 including any amendment to the request, if the
15 request is limited only to modifications, or a
16 class of modifications, that—

17 “(i) increase transmission capacity;

18 “(ii) improve spectral efficiency, such
19 as by improving compression technologies;

20 “(iii) comply with applicable technical
21 rules and do not cause harmful inter-
22 ference; or

23 “(iv) otherwise do not substantially
24 modify the space station authorized by the
25 license.

1 “(C) EXCLUSION.—This paragraph shall
2 not apply to a request to modify a license for—

3 “(i) the addition of an ancillary ter-
4 restrial component; or

5 “(ii) modifying the service offered
6 under the initial license granted under sub-
7 section (c) between fixed satellite service
8 and mobile satellite service.

9 “(3) EXPEDITED TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN
10 MODIFICATIONS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
12 days after the Commission receives a request to
13 modify a license granted under subsection (c),
14 a grant of market access granted under sub-
15 section (d), an authorization granted under sub-
16 section (e), or a covered authorization, in order
17 to conduct a replacement described in subpara-
18 graph (B), the Commission shall grant or deny
19 the request.

20 “(B) REPLACEMENT.—A replacement de-
21 scribed in this subparagraph is a replacement
22 of—

23 “(i) 1 space station, or component of
24 a space station, with a technically similar
25 space station, or component of a space sta-

1 tion, previously approved by the Commis-
2 sion; or

3 “(ii) 1 earth station, or component of
4 an earth station, with a technically similar
5 earth station, or component of an earth
6 station, previously approved by the Com-
7 mission.

8 “(4) EXCEPTIONS.—The Commission may ex-
9 tend the deadlines under paragraphs (1) and (2) for
10 a request subject to review under subsection (n).

11 “(h) EMERGENCY GRANT, RENEWAL, OR MODIFICA-
12 TION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commission finds
14 that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring
15 temporary operations in the public interest and that
16 delay in the institution of such temporary operations
17 would seriously prejudice the public interest, the
18 Commission—

19 “(A) may grant, for a period not to exceed
20 180 days in a manner and upon the terms the
21 Commission shall by rule prescribe—

22 “(i) a license described in subsection
23 (c), a grant of market access described in
24 subsection (d), or an authorization de-
25 scribed in subsection (e);

1 “(ii) a renewal of a license, grant of
2 market access, or authorization described
3 in clause (i); or

4 “(iii) a modification of a license, grant
5 of market access, or authorization de-
6 scribed in clause (i);

7 “(B) shall include with a grant made
8 under this subsection a statement of the rea-
9 sons of the Commission for making the grant;

10 “(C) may extend a grant made under this
11 subsection for a period not to exceed 180 days;
12 and

13 “(D) shall give expeditious treatment to
14 any—

15 “(i) timely filed petition to deny a
16 grant under this subsection; or

17 “(ii) timely filed petition for rehearing
18 of a grant made under this subsection that
19 is filed under section 405.

20 “(2) EXCLUSION.—This subsection shall not
21 apply to a request to modify a license for—

22 “(A) the addition of an ancillary terrestrial
23 component; or

24 “(B) modifying the service offered under
25 the initial license granted under subsection (c)

1 between fixed satellite service and mobile sat-
2 ellite service.

3 “(i) STATE PREEMPTION OF MARKET ENTRY;
4 RATES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, a State or local government may
7 not regulate the rates charged by—

8 “(A) an applicant or licensee with respect
9 to a license granted under subsection (b);

10 “(B) an applicant or grantee with respect
11 to a grant of market access granted under sub-
12 section (c); or

13 “(C) an applicant or entity with respect to
14 an authorization granted under subsection (d).

15 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not pro-
16 hibit a State or local government from regulating
17 the other terms and conditions of a licensee, grantee,
18 or entity.

19 “(j) REGULATORY RESTRAINT.—

20 “(1) LIMITATION ON INFORMATION REQUIRED
21 TO BE PROVIDED.—In performing any act, issuing
22 any rule or regulation, or issuing any order nec-
23 essary to carry out this section, the Commission—

1 “(A) shall limit the information required to
2 be furnished to the Commission to that which
3 is strictly necessary; and

4 “(B) with respect to an application filed
5 under subsection (c), (d), or (e), a request for
6 renewal made under subsection (f), or a request
7 for modification made under subsection (g)—

8 “(i) may not require the filing of any
9 information that previously has been fur-
10 nished to the Commission or that is not di-
11 rectly material to the considerations that
12 affect the granting or denial of such appli-
13 cation or request; and

14 “(ii) may require information about
15 new or additional facts that the Commis-
16 sion determines necessary to make its find-
17 ings.

18 “(2) DEADLINE FOR PETITION DETERMINA-
19 TION.—If an applicant for a license or a licensee
20 under subsection (c) files a petition under part 1 of
21 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
22 cessor regulation, relating to information required to
23 be furnished to the Commission under this section,
24 the Commission shall grant or deny the petition not

1 later than 90 days after the date on which the peti-
2 tion is filed.

3 “(k) RELATION TO EXPERIMENTAL AND AMATEUR
4 USES.—This section shall not apply to any Commission
5 authorization in—

6 “(1) the experimental radio service; or

7 “(2) the amateur radio service.

8 “(l) COMPLETENESS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
10 after receiving a written application submitted under
11 subsection (c), (d), or (e), the Commission shall—

12 “(A) determine whether—

13 “(i) the application contains—

14 “(I) in the case of an application
15 submitted under subsection (c), all of
16 the information required to be sub-
17 mitted with the application under sub-
18 section (c)(3) and the first sentence of
19 section 308(b);

20 “(II) in the case of an applica-
21 tion submitted under subsection (d),
22 all of the information required to be
23 submitted with the application under
24 subsection (d)(3) and the first sen-
25 tence of section 308(b); or

1 “(III) in the case of an applica-
2 tion submitted under subsection (e),
3 all of the information required to be
4 submitted with the application under
5 the first sentence of section 308(b);
6 and

7 “(ii) the applicant has paid the fee, if
8 any, required under section 8 in connection
9 with the application; and

10 “(B)(i) if both determinations under sub-
11 paragraph (A) are in the affirmative, issue a
12 public notice of the acceptance for filing of the
13 application; or

14 “(ii) if either determination under sub-
15 paragraph (A) is in the negative, provide notice
16 to the applicant of the negative determination,
17 including the information required to be sub-
18 mitted that was not submitted, the amount of
19 the application fee due, or both, as applicable.

20 “(2) INACTION BY COMMISSION.—If the Com-
21 mission does not comply with paragraph (1) with re-
22 spect to an application by the deadline specified in
23 that paragraph, the Commission shall be deemed for
24 purposes of subsection (c), (d), or (e), as applicable,
25 to have issued a public notice of the acceptance for

1 filing of the application on the date that is 30 days
2 after the date on which the application was received.

3 “(m) TOLLING.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-
5 sections (c)(5), (e)(4), and (g)(4), with respect to an
6 application for a license under subsection (c) or an
7 authorization under subsection (e), or a request for
8 renewal under subsection (f) or modification under
9 subsection (g) of a license granted under subsection
10 (c), a grant of market access granted under sub-
11 section (d), or an authorization granted under sub-
12 section (e), the Commission may extend the deadline
13 under subsection (c), (e), (f), or (g), as applicable,
14 for consideration of the application or request only
15 if—

16 “(A) the Commission finds that there are
17 extraordinary circumstances requiring addi-
18 tional time for consideration of the application
19 or request; and

20 “(B) the Commission issues a public notice
21 and submits to the Committee on Commerce,
22 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
23 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
24 House of Representatives a notice of the finding
25 described in subparagraph (A) that states—

1 “(i) the reasons of the Commission for
2 the extension; and

3 “(ii) the length of the period of the
4 extension.

5 “(2) LENGTH.—The Commission may not grant
6 an extension of a deadline under paragraph (1) for
7 a period that exceeds 90 days.

8 “(3) LIMIT ON EXTENSIONS.—The Commission
9 may grant not more than 2 extensions of a deadline
10 under paragraph (1).

11 “(n) REVIEW FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS.—

13 “(1) REVIEW REQUIRED FOR ENTITIES WITH
14 REPORTABLE FOREIGN OWNERSHIP.—In the case of
15 an application under subsection (c), (d), or (e), a re-
16 quest for modification under subsection (g), or a re-
17 quest for modification of a covered authorization,
18 that is submitted by an entity that the Commission
19 determines to have reportable foreign ownership, the
20 Commission shall refer the application or request to
21 the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Par-
22 ticipation in the United States Telecommunications
23 Services Sector established by Executive Order
24 13913 (85 Fed. Reg. 19643; relating to the estab-
25 lishment of the Committee for the Assessment of

1 Foreign Participation in the United States Tele-
2 communications Services Sector) (in this subsection
3 referred to as the ‘Committee’) for review of na-
4 tional security and law enforcement concerns that
5 may be raised by the application or request.

6 “(2) REVIEW AT DISCRETION OF COMMIS-
7 SION.—In addition to the applications and requests
8 that the Commission is required to refer to the Com-
9 mittee under paragraph (1), the Commission may, in
10 the discretion of the Commission, refer any other ap-
11 plication under subsection (c), (d), or (e), request
12 for modification under subsection (g), or request for
13 modification of a covered authorization to the Com-
14 mittee for review of national security and law en-
15 forcement concerns that may be raised by the appli-
16 cation or request.

17 “(o) ALLEVIATION OF DELAYS FOR CERTAIN APPLI-
18 CATIONS.—

19 “(1) ADDITION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED
20 SPACE STATIONS.—The Commission shall permit
21 non-geostationary orbit operators to add an author-
22 ized space station as a point of communication to an
23 authorized ground station on a notification-only
24 basis without filing an application for modification
25 under subsection (g) if the addition of the author-

1 ized space station involves no other changes to the
2 authorized parameters of the ground stations.

3 “(2) EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AU-
4 THORITY.—The Commission may extend a 60-day
5 Special Temporary Authority granted under section
6 25.120(b)(3) of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-
7 tions, the request for which was filed alongside an
8 application for regular nonbroadcast operation, on
9 its own motion and without placing the request for
10 Special Temporary Authority on public notice during
11 the time that the application remains pending.

12 “(p) DEEMED GRANTED.—If the Commission fails to
13 grant or deny an application or request, including any
14 amendment to an application or request, submitted under
15 subsections (e)(1), (e)(2), (g)(1), or (g)(2)
16 by the deadline for the determination required by such
17 subsection, the application or request, including an
18 amendment to an application or request, shall be deemed
19 granted on the date on which the Commission receives
20 from the applicant or requestor written notice of the fail-
21 ure to grant or deny the application or request by the ap-
22 plicable deadline.”.

23 (b) RELATION TO OTHER LAW AMENDMENTS.—Sec-
24 tion 309 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
25 309) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (j)(2)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;
3 or” and inserting a semicolon;

4 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
5 subparagraph (D); and

6 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
7 the following:

8 “(C) for licenses, grants of market access,
9 or authorizations granted under section 346;
10 or”; and

11 (2) in subsection (k)—

12 (A) in the heading, by striking “BROAD-
13 CAST STATION RENEWAL PROCEDURES” and
14 inserting “RENEWAL PROCEDURES FOR CER-
15 TAIN AUTHORIZATIONS”;

16 (B) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
18 graph (A)—

19 (I) by inserting “, the holder of
20 a license granted under section
21 346(c), the recipient of a grant of
22 market access granted under section
23 346(d), or an entity with authoriza-
24 tion granted under section 346(e),”
25 after “broadcast station”;

1 (II) by inserting “, grant, or au-
2 thORIZATION” after “such license”;

3 (III) by striking “that station”
4 and inserting “that licensee, recipient,
5 or entity”; and

6 (IV) by inserting “, grant of
7 market access, or authorization” after
8 “its license”;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “the station” and inserting “in the case of
11 a broadcast station, the station”;

12 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
13 “, recipient, or entity” after “licensee”;
14 and

15 (iv) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
16 “, recipient, or entity” after “licensee”;

17 (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, or the
18 holder of a license granted under section
19 346(d), the recipient of a grant of market ac-
20 cess granted under section 346(d), or an entity
21 with authorization granted under section
22 346(e),” after “broadcast station”;

23 (D) in paragraph (3)—

24 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
25 graph (A), by inserting “of a broadcast

1 station, a holder of a license granted under
2 section 346(e), a recipient of a grant of
3 market access granted under section
4 346(d), or an entity with authorization
5 granted under section 346(e)” after “that
6 a licensee”;

7 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (I) by inserting “, recipient, or
9 entity” after “licensee”; and

10 (II) by inserting “or 346” after
11 “section 308”; and

12 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
13 “former licensee” and inserting “former li-
14 censee of a broadcast station or such appli-
15 cations for a license, grant of market ac-
16 cess, or authorization as may be filed
17 under section 346(c), 346(d), or 346(e)
18 specifying the information of the former li-
19 censee, recipient, or entity”; and

20 (E) in paragraph (4), by inserting “, grant
21 of market access, or grant of an authorization”
22 after “license”.

23 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements in the
24 amendments made by this section shall apply with respect
25 to any application submitted under subsection (c), (d), or

1 (e) of section 346 of the Communications Act of 1934,
2 as added by subsection (a), and any request for renewal
3 or modification submitted under such section, on or after
4 the date of enactment of this Act.