

Attachment 1**Explanation of Request**

Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association, Inc. (“Applicant”) requests an extension of the previously granted special temporary authority (“STA”), ITC-STA-20250228-00027, to provide international telecommunications service to customers, pending Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) action on an application for international section 214 authority (“Application”) filed February 28, 2025, ITC-214-20250228-00026. Applicants seek STA for a period of 180 days or until the FCC acts on the Application, whichever is later.

Applicant is a local exchange carrier operating in rural Colorado. Applicant is currently providing international telecommunications service to its customers pursuant to an STA granted on May 21, 2025, and extended on December 22, 2025.¹ Although Applicants requested an STA for a period of 180 days or until the FCC act on the Application, whichever is later, the STA was granted for a period of six months, which is set to expire on June 20, 2026. Accordingly, Applicant seeks an extension of the STA.

Grant of the requested STA will serve the public interest. Applicant entered into a consent decree with the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau on May 13, 2026, concerning its provision of international service.² Authorizing Applicant to continue to provide international service to its customers on an uninterrupted basis while the Application is pending will afford those customers the continued ability to make and receive international calls.

¹ By Public Notice of December 23, 2025, DA 25-1101, the FCC extended the expiration date to June 20, 2026.

² *Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association, Inc.*, File No.: EB-IHD-25-00038707 Order, May 13, 2026.