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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.

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Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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”.

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

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

1 **“SEC. 346. RADIOFREQUENCY LICENSING AUTHORITY RE-**
2 **LATING TO CERTAIN OPERATIONS.**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

9 “(2) COVERED AUTHORIZATION.—The term
10 ‘covered authorization’ means—

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

16 “(B) a license or grant of market access
17 granted by Commission approval of a covered
18 application.

19 “(3) COVERED RADIOCOMMUNICATION SERV-
20 ICE.—The term ‘covered radiocommunication serv-
21 ice’—

22 “(A) means a radiocommunication service
23 (as defined in the radio regulations of the Inter-
24 national Telecommunication Union that are in
25 force as of the date of enactment of this sec-
26 tion, or any successor regulations); and

1 “(B) does not include any radionavigation
2 or safety service specifically identified by the
3 Commission as a safety service for aeronautical
4 or maritime transportation.

5 “(4) INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED EARTH STA-
6 TION.—The term ‘individually licensed earth station’
7 means an earth station, other than a blanket-li-
8 censed earth station, that sends a signal to, and re-
9 ceives a signal from—

10 “(A) a nongeostationary orbit space station
11 operated under a license granted under sub-
12 section (c)(1) or a grant of market access
13 granted under subsection (d)(1); or

14 “(B) a geostationary orbit space station
15 operated under a license granted under sub-
16 section (c)(2) or a grant of market access
17 granted under subsection (d)(2).

18 “(b) RULES.—Not later than 12 months after the
19 date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall
20 issue rules to amend part 25 of title 47, Code of Federal
21 Regulations, to establish—

22 “(1) for any license granted under subsection
23 (c), specific modifications, or classes of modifica-
24 tions, to the license that warrant expedited treat-

1 ment under subparagraph (A) or (B), as applicable,
2 of subsection (g)(2);

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

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

17 “(4) for any application or request for modifica-
18 tion described in subsection (n), what constitutes re-
19 portable foreign ownership for purposes of para-
20 graph (1) of that subsection.

21 “(c) APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.—

22 “(1) NGSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

24 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
25 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (5), and

1 subsection (m), not later than 1 year after
2 the date on which the Commission issues a
3 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
4 a written application submitted to the
5 Commission for a license described in sub-
6 paragraph (B) of this paragraph, the Com-
7 mission shall determine whether to grant
8 the application, including any amendment
9 to the application.

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

1 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
2 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-
3 plication for a license for covered
4 radiocommunication services using—

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

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

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

14 “(2) GSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

16 “(i) APPLICATIONS.—Except as pro-
17 vided in clause (ii), paragraph (5), and
18 subsection (m), not later than 1 year after
19 the date on which the Commission issues a
20 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
21 a written application submitted to the
22 Commission for a license described in sub-
23 paragraph (B) of this paragraph, the Com-
24 mission shall determine whether to grant

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

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

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

22 “(i) a geostationary orbit space sta-
23 tion;

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

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

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

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

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

22 “(d) APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF MARKET AC-
23 CESS.—

24 “(1) NGSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

25 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

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

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

24 “(B) TYPES OF APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
25 cation described in this subparagraph is an ap-

1 plication for market access within the United
2 States for covered radiocommunication services
3 using—

4 “(i) a nongeostationary orbit space
5 station;

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

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

13 “(2) GSO DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

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

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

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

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

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

5 “(e) EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATION.—

6 “(1) DETERMINATION REQUIRED FOR EARTH
7 STATIONS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

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

20 “(ii) MAJOR AMENDMENTS.—If a
21 major amendment (within the meaning of
22 section 25.116 of title 47, Code of Federal
23 Regulations, or any successor regulation)
24 to an application described in clause (i) is
25 submitted to the Commission, the Commis-

1 sion shall determine whether to grant the
2 application, including the major amend-
3 ment and any other amendment to the ap-
4 plication, not later than 1 year after the
5 date on which the Commission issues a
6 public notice of the acceptance for filing of
7 the major amendment.

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

11 “(2) DETERMINATION REQUIRED FOR RECEIVE-
12 ONLY EARTH STATIONS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

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

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

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

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

23 “(ii) a geostationary orbit space sta-
24 tion operated under a license granted

1 under subsection (c)(2) or a grant of mar-
2 ket access granted under subsection (d)(2).

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

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

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

23 “(1) if the Commission determines the require-
24 ments under section 309(k) have been met, the
25 Commission shall grant the request, including any

1 amendment to the request, and renew the license,
 2 grant of market access, or authorization for a term
 3 not to exceed the length of the initial term beginning
 4 the day after the date on which the preceding term
 5 of the license, grant of market access, or authoriza-
 6 tion expires; or

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

10 “(g) MODIFICATION OF LICENSE OR GRANT OF MAR-
 11 KET ACCESS.—

12 “(1) MAJOR MODIFICATIONS.—

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

22 “(B) GSO LICENSE AND GRANT OF MAR-
 23 KET ACCESS MAJOR MODIFICATIONS.—Except
 24 as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of
 25 this subsection, the Commission may grant a

request (including any amendment to the request) to modify a license granted under subsection (c)(2) or a grant of market access granted under subsection (d).

“(2) EXPEDITED TREATMENT FOR MINOR MODIFICATIONS.—

“(A) NGSO LICENSE MODIFICATIONS.—

Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection and in subsections (h) and (m), and not later than 90 days after the date on which the Commission receives a request to modify a license granted under subsection (c)(1), the Commission shall grant the request, including any amendment to the request, if the request is limited only to modifications, or a class of modifications, that—

“(i) increase transmission capacity;

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

“(iii) comply with applicable technical rules and do not cause harmful interference; or

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

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

11 “(i) increase transmission capacity;

12 “(ii) improve spectral efficiency, such
13 as by improving compression technologies;

14 “(iii) comply with applicable technical
15 rules and do not cause harmful inter-
16 ference; or

17 “(iv) otherwise do not substantially
18 modify the space station authorized by the
19 license.

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

22 “(i) the addition of an ancillary ter-
23 restrial component; or

24 “(ii) modifying the service offered
25 under the initial license granted under sub-

1 section (c) between fixed satellite service
2 and mobile satellite service.

3 “(3) EXPEDITED TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN
4 MODIFICATIONS.—

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

14 “(B) REPLACEMENT.—A replacement de-
15 scribed in this subparagraph is a replacement
16 of—

17 “(i) 1 space station, or component of
18 a space station, with a technically similar
19 space station, or component of a space sta-
20 tion, previously approved by the Commis-
21 sion; or

22 “(ii) 1 earth station, or component of
23 an earth station, with a technically similar
24 earth station, or component of an earth

1 station, previously approved by the Com-
2 mission.

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

6 “(h) EMERGENCY GRANT, RENEWAL, OR MODIFICA-
7 TION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commission finds
9 that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring
10 temporary operations in the public interest and that
11 delay in the institution of such temporary operations
12 would seriously prejudice the public interest, the
13 Commission—

14 “(A) may grant, for a period not to exceed
15 180 days in a manner and upon the terms the
16 Commission shall by rule prescribe—

17 “(i) a license described in subsection
18 (c), a grant of market access described in
19 subsection (d), or an authorization de-
20 scribed in subsection (e);

21 “(ii) a renewal of a license, grant of
22 market access, or authorization described
23 in clause (i); or

1 “(iii) a modification of a license, grant
2 of market access, or authorization de-
3 scribed in clause (i);

4 “(B) shall include with a grant made
5 under this subsection a statement of the rea-
6 sons of the Commission for making the grant;

7 “(C) may extend a grant made under this
8 subsection for a period not to exceed 180 days;
9 and

10 “(D) shall give expeditious treatment to
11 any—

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

14 “(ii) timely filed petition for rehearing
15 of a grant made under this subsection that
16 is filed under section 405.

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

19 “(A) the addition of an ancillary terrestrial
20 component; or

21 “(B) modifying the service offered under
22 the initial license granted under subsection (c)
23 between fixed satellite service and mobile sat-
24 ellite service.

1 “(i) STATE PREEMPTION OF MARKET ENTRY;
2 RATES.—

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

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

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

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

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

17 “(j) REGULATORY RESTRAINT.—

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

22 “(A) shall limit the information required to
23 be furnished to the Commission to that which
24 is strictly necessary; and

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

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

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

15 “(2) DEADLINE FOR PETITION DETERMINA-
16 TION.—If an applicant for a license or a licensee
17 under subsection (c) files a petition under part 1 of
18 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
19 cessor regulation, relating to information required to
20 be furnished to the Commission under this section,
21 the Commission shall grant or deny the petition not
22 later than 90 days after the date on which the peti-
23 tion is filed.

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

4 “(1) the experimental radio service; or

5 “(2) the amateur radio service.

6 “(l) COMPLETENESS.—

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

10 “(A) determine whether—

11 “(i) the application contains—

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

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

24 “(III) in the case of an applica-
25 tion submitted under subsection (e),

1 all of the information required to be
2 submitted with the application under
3 the first sentence of section 308(b);
4 and

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

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

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

18 “(2) INACTION BY COMMISSION.—If the Com-
19 mission does not comply with paragraph (1) with re-
20 spect to an application by the deadline specified in
21 that paragraph, the Commission shall be deemed for
22 purposes of subsection (c), (d), or (e), as applicable,
23 to have issued a public notice of the acceptance for
24 filing of the application on the date that is 30 days
25 after the date on which the application was received.

1 “(m) TOLLING.—

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

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

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

24 “(i) the reasons of the Commission for
25 the extension; and

1 “(ii) the length of the period of the
2 extension.

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

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

9 “(n) REVIEW FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS.—

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

1 referred to as the ‘Committee’) for review of na-
2 tional security and law enforcement concerns that
3 may be raised by the application or request.

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

15 “(o) ALLEVIATION OF DELAYS FOR CERTAIN APPLI-
16 CATIONS.—

17 “(1) ADDITION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED
18 SPACE STATIONS.—The Commission shall permit
19 non-geostationary orbit operators to add an author-
20 ized space station as a point of communication to an
21 authorized ground station on a notification-only
22 basis without filing an application for modification
23 under subsection (g) if the addition of the author-
24 ized space station involves no other changes to the
25 authorized parameters of the ground stations.

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

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

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

24 (1) in subsection (j)(2)—

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

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

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

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

10 (2) in subsection (k)—

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

15 (B) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

