REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Joby Aero, Inc. ("Joby"), pursuant to Sections 5.61 of the Commission's rules, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") as set forth below.¹ The purpose of this request is to aid the ongoing testing and evaluation of autonomous cargo aircraft technology. This application is one of three contemporaneous STA applications seeking to replicate the operating authority previously authorized via STAs that recently expired. Specifically, one application (0481-EX-ST-2025) seeks authority (previously authorized under STA WX9XOB) to operate aircraft and mobile radios in the S-band for telemetry purposes, and two applications (0482-EX-CN-2025 and 0483-EX-CN-2025) seek authority to operate fixed and mobile radios (previously authorized under STAs WX9XNP and WX9XOC), respectively, in the VHF-band for voice communications between aircraft and ground-based personnel. Because time-sensitive testing of military aircraft is ongoing, Joby respectfully submits that expeditious approval of this request would be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Joby is a well-known developer of aviation innovations, including automation and autonomy technologies. Joby, is currently developing autonomous cargo aircraft technology using the Cessna Grand Caravan C-208B airframe and is performing flight tests to evaluate the suitability of integrating such technology with U.S. Air Force aircraft under a variety of operational settings. Testing is taking place on flights between various military and civilian airports in California, including as part of the Agile Flag 24-3 large-force military exercise. The requested STAs will aid Joby's testing and evaluation of this technology by facilitating operations and generating valuable flight test telemetry data. Joby understands that experimental radio operations are authorized on a secondary, non-interference basis.

Joby requests an exemption from the station identification requirements set forth in Section 5.115 of the Commission's rules.² This rule section provides that licensees may be exempt from station identification requirements if so specified by the terms of their station authorization. Because the subject equipment is not capable of transmitting station identification information in the mode required, Joby respectfully requests that any authorization issued for the proposed station include a condition expressly exempting it from Section 5.115.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 5.61.

² 47 C.F.R. § 5.115