

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Intelsat License LLC

Amendment to Application for
Modification of Authority for
Galaxy 11 (S2253)

File Nos. SAT-AMD-2014_____
SAT-AMD-20140429-00042
SAT-MOD-20121018-00184

**AMENDMENT TO PENDING APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF
AUTHORITY FOR GALAXY 11**

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”), pursuant to Section 25.116 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC” or “Commission”) rules,¹ hereby amends the above captioned application for the Galaxy 11 satellite (call sign S2253). By this amendment, Intelsat removes its request for authority to operate the satellite at 44.8° W.L. However, Intelsat maintains its request for authority to operate Galaxy 11 at 55.6° W.L. and to extend the satellite’s license term—as well as previously granted waivers—for approximately four years through January 2019.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 25.116(e) of the Commission’s rules,² this amendment is being filed electronically as an attachment to FCC Form 312. All of the information provided in the April 29, 2014 amendment application relating to operation of Galaxy 11 at 55.6° W.L. and extension of the license term remains unchanged and is incorporated herein by reference.³

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.116.

² 47 C.F.R. § 25.116(e).

³ See *Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-01015, File No. SAT-AMD-20140429-00042 (May 16, 2014) (Public Notice).

I. INTELSAT NO LONGER REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THE GALAXY 11 SATELLITE AT 44.8° W.L.

By this amendment application, Intelsat removes the portion of the pending modification application that requests authority to operate the Galaxy 11 satellite at 44.8° W.L.⁴ Currently, Intelsat is operating the satellite at 55.6° W.L. pursuant to special temporary authority.⁵ Galaxy 11 is collocated with Intelsat 805, which operates at 55.5° W.L.⁶ Intelsat originally planned to operate Intelsat 27 as a replacement satellite at 55.5° W.L., which would allow Intelsat to redeploy the Galaxy 11 satellite to 44.8° W.L. However, in February 2013, Intelsat 27 failed to launch successfully, thereby delaying Intelsat's redeployment of Galaxy 11.⁷ Now, Intelsat plans to operate Intelsat 34 as a replacement satellite at 55.5° W.L.⁸ Due to a change in deployment plans, Intelsat no longer intends to move Galaxy 11 to 44.8° W.L. following the launch of Intelsat 34. Accordingly, Intelsat withdraws the portion of its pending modification application

⁴ See *Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00918, File No. SAT-MOD-20121018-00184 (Dec. 14, 2012) (Public Notice).

⁵ See *Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-01015, File No. SAT-STA-20140310-00029 (May 16, 2014) (Public Notice); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00979, File No. SAT-STA-20130829-00109 (Nov. 8, 2013) (Public Notice); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00934, File No. SAT-STA-20130102-00001 (Mar. 1, 2013) (Public Notice).

⁶ *Applications of Intelsat LLC for Authority to Operate and Further Construct, Launch, and Operate C-Band and Ku-Band Satellites that Form a Global Communications System in Geostationary Orbit*, 15 FCC Rcd 15460, 15529 (Appendix C) (2000) (Memorandum Opinion and Order and Authorization), *recon. denied*, 15 FCC Rcd 25234 (2000) (Order on Reconsideration).

⁷ See Letter from Susan H. Crandall, Intelsat License LLC, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, File No. SAT-MOD-20121018-00184 (Mar. 14, 2013) (notifying the Commission of the delay in redeployment).

⁸ *Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-01015, File No. SAT-LOA-20140114-00005 (May 16, 2014) (Public Notice). The Intelsat 34 satellite is scheduled for launch in the third quarter of 2015.

that requests authority to operate the Galaxy 11 satellite at 44.8° W.L. At the appropriate time in the future, Intelsat will file an application to redeploy the Galaxy 11 satellite to a new location.

II. INTELSAT MAINTAINS ITS REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THE GALAXY 11 SATELLITE AT 55.6° W.L. AND TO EXTEND THE LICENSE TERM AND ALL PREVIOUSLY GRANTED WAIVERS

Intelsat maintains the portion of the pending application that seeks authority to operate Galaxy 11 at 55.6° W.L. and to extend the satellite's license term and previously granted waivers.⁹ All requests for waivers made by Intelsat in the pending amendment application remain unchanged and are incorporated herein by reference.¹⁰ As described in the pending amendment application, the proposed grant of authority for Galaxy 11 to operate at 55.6° W.L. will serve the public interest.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission authorize Galaxy 11 to operate at 55.6° W.L. and extend the satellite's license term.

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⁹ See *Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-01015, File No. SAT-AMD-20140429-00042 (May 16, 2014) (Public Notice).

¹⁰ *Id.*