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Policy Branch
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Re: INTELSAT BETA-1 (NI-BETA)
Call Sign: S2413; SAT-LOA-20000119-00027

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 19, 2001, Intelsat LLC ("Intelsat") informed the International Bureau that it had cancelled the contract for the INTELSAT BETA-1 (NI-BETA) satellite.¹ Intelsat hereby further informs the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") that Intelsat is relinquishing its license for the INTELSAT BETA-1 (NI-BETA) satellite granted by the Commission in August 2000.²

The INTELSAT BETA-1 (NI-BETA) satellite was licensed by the Commission to be deployed at 85.0° E.L.³ As a result of deployment changes since the August 2000 licensing order, INTELSAT 709 is currently drifting toward 85.15° E.L. from 55.35° W.L., where it had been co-located with INTELSAT 805.⁴ Intelsat has a

¹ See Letter from Jennifer D. Hindin, Wiley, Rein & Fielding LLP, to Mr. Tom Tycz, Chief, Satellite and Radiocommunications Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (Nov. 19, 2001).

² See *Applications of Intelsat LLC for Authority to Operate, and to Further Construct, Launch and Operate C-Band and Ku-Band Global Satellites that Form a Global Communications System in Geostationary Orbit*, 15 FCC Rcd 15460 (2000) (Memorandum Opinion Order and Authorization) ("*Intelsat Aug. 2000 Licensing Order*"), recon. denied, 15 FCC Rcd 25234 (2000) (Order on Reconsideration).

³ See *Intelsat Aug. 2000 Licensing Order*, 15 FCC Rcd at 15521, Appendix A, Table 2.

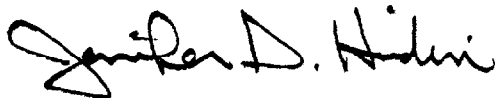
⁴ See *Request for Special Temporary Authority for INTELSAT 709; Call Sign 2396*; File No. SAT-STA-20030507-00087 (stamp grant from Jennifer Gilsonan, FCC, to Jennifer Hindin, Wiley, Rein & Fielding LLP, provided on May 15, 2003, with conditions). On June 11, 2003, Intelsat filed a request to extend the STA.

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pending application to modify the license for INTELSAT 709 to allow its operation at 85.15 E.L.⁵

Accordingly, the relinquishment of the INTELSAT BETA-1 (NI-BETA) license will not render an orbital location vacant.

Sincerely,



Jennifer D. Hindin

cc: Tom Tycz
Jennifer Gilsenan
John Martin
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⁵ See *Application of Intelsat LLC to Modify Authorization* (filed Jan. 31, 2003). The modification application was placed on Public Notice on March 18, 2003 and no comments or petitions to deny were filed. See *Policy Branch Information, Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00140, File No. SAT-MOD-20030131-00029 (Mar. 18, 2003) (Public Notice).