

December 1, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 200554



Re: Notice of Commencement of Inclined Orbit Operations for Intelsat 701
Call Sign S2400

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 25.280(a) of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 25.280(a)), Intelsat License LLC hereby notifies the FCC of the commencement of inclined orbit operations for Intelsat 701, which currently is drifting to 72.1° E.L.¹ Set forth below is the information required by the Commission.

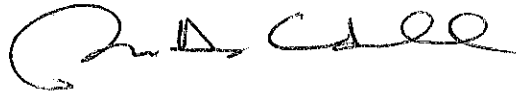
- (1) The operator's name is Intelsat License LLC.
- (2) The satellite is expected to leave the 0.05° inclination control box on December 8, 2011. The last north/south station-keeping maneuver occurred on November 9, 2011.
- (3) The initial inclination (after the last north/south station-keeping maneuver) was 0.046°.
- (4) The rate of change in inclination per year is as follows:
2011 – 0.839° per year
2012 – 0.812° per year
2013 – 0.787° per year
2014 – 0.771° per year
2015 – 0.765° per year
- (5) The expected end-of-life of the satellite accounting for inclined orbit operations is January 2033.

¹ See *Intelsat License LLC Request for Special Temporary Authority*, File No. SAT-STA-20111114-00218 (filed Nov. 14, 2011) (stamp grant issued by Stephen Duall on Nov. 22, 2011).

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan H. Crandall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "C".

Susan H. Crandall
Assistant General Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

Cc: Bob Nelson
Kathryn Medley
Stephen Duall
Jay Whaley