

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Intelsat License LLC

Application to Modify Authorization for
Intelsat 701 (S2400)

File No. SAT-MOD-_____

APPLICATION OF INTELSAT LICENSE LLC
TO MODIFY AUTHORIZATION FOR INTELSAT 701

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”), pursuant to Section 25.117 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission” or “FCC”),¹ hereby seeks to modify the authorization for the Intelsat 701 satellite (Call Sign S2400).² Specifically, Intelsat seeks to extend the license term for the Intelsat 701 satellite, and all previously granted waivers,³ through December 31, 2018.

In accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s rules,⁴ this application has been filed electronically as an attachment to FCC Form 312. Intelsat incorporates by reference the technical information previously provided regarding the operations of Intelsat 701.⁵

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.117.

² See Intelsat License LCC, Application to Modify Authorization for Intelsat 701, File No. SAT-MOD-20130513-00068 (stamp grant June 27, 2014) (“2014 Intelsat 701 Modification”).

³ Intelsat 701 has received waivers of the following FCC rules: Sections 25.202(g), 25.210(a)(1), 25.210(a)(3), 25.210(i), and 25.211(a), and Section 2.106, note NG52. See *id.*

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 25.117(c).

⁵ See 2014 Intelsat 701 Modification, *supra* note 2.

Consistent with Section 1.62 of the Commission's rules,⁶ Intelsat will continue to operate the Intelsat 701 satellite pursuant to the terms and conditions of its expiring license until such time as the Commission makes a determination with respect to this request.⁷

I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LICENSE TERM

Intelsat seeks to extend the license term for the Intelsat 701 satellite, and all previously granted waivers, through December 31, 2018. The Intelsat 701 satellite was placed into service on July 18, 2001.⁸ Pursuant to Sections 25.121(a) and (d)(1) of the Commission's rules, the license term for Intelsat 701 will expire on July 18, 2016.⁹ This expiration date is well before the expected end of service life of the satellite, which was most recently estimated to be late 2018. Accordingly, Intelsat herein is seeking an extension of the Intelsat 701 license term based on the satellite's current projected end of service life.

II. PUBLIC INTEREST SHOWING

Grant of this modification to extend the license will serve the public interest by enabling customers to continue receiving service from Intelsat 701. The Intelsat 701 satellite subsystems and solar panels are functioning normally, and there are no single points of failure on Intelsat 701 that would result in an inability to de-orbit the satellite. Additionally, the satellite's TT&C functions are operating normally. Extending the license term will promote the continued

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.62.

⁷ *See id.* § 25.117.

⁸ *Applications of Intelsat LLC for Authority to Operate, and to Further Construct, Launch, and Operate C-band and Ku-band Satellites that Form a Global Communications System in Geostationary Orbit*, Memorandum Opinion, Order, and Authorization, 15 FCC Rcd 15,460 (2000) (authorizing operation of INTELSAT 701 at 180° E.L.).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.121(a) & (d)(1).

efficient use of orbital resources and is consistent with recent decisions by the Commission to extend satellite license terms.¹⁰

Moreover, extending the license term of the Intelsat 701 satellite will not affect the satellite's post-mission disposal plan. As previously approved by the Commission, Intelsat intends to dispose of the Intelsat 701 satellite by moving it to a minimum altitude of 150 kilometers above the geostationary arc.¹¹ Intelsat has reserved 26.53 kg of fuel for this purpose. Grant of the requested license extension will not affect the 26.53 kg fuel reserve.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission grant this modification application.

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¹⁰ See, e.g., *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01117, File No. SAT-MOD-20150820-00059 (Nov. 6, 2015) (Public Notice) (extending license term of an SES satellite for an additional eight years); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00664, DA 10-236, File No. SAT-MOD-20091119-00123 (Feb. 5, 2010) (Public Notice) (extending license terms of Sirius XM satellites for an additional seven years).

¹¹ See 2014 Intelsat 701 Modification, *supra* note 2. The Commission has found that satellites launched prior to March 18, 2002, such as Intelsat 701, would be designated as grandfathered satellites not subject to a specific disposal altitude. See *Mitigation of Orbital Debris*, Second Report and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 11567, 11600 (2004).

Exhibit A

FCC Form 312, Response to Question 34: Foreign Ownership

The Commission previously approved foreign ownership in Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”), in the *Intelsat-Serafina Order*.¹ In December 2009 and October 2011, the Commission also approved *pro forma* changes in Intelsat’s foreign ownership.² There have been no other material changes to Intelsat’s foreign ownership since the date of the *Intelsat-Serafina Order*.

¹ *Intelsat Holdings, Ltd. and Serafina Holdings Limited, Consolidated Application for Consent to Transfer of Control of Holders of Title II and Title III Authorizations*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 22 FCC Rcd 22,151 (2007).

² *See Intelsat North America LLC, Intelsat LLC, PanAmSat Licensee Corp., PanAmSat H-2 Licensee Corp., and Intelsat New Dawn Company, Ltd., Applications for Pro Forma Transfer of Control*, File Nos. SAT-T/C-20091125-00128, SAT-T/C-20091125-00124, SAT-T/C-20091125-00127, SAT-T/C-20091125-00125, SAT-T/C-20091125-00126, SES-T/C-20091125-01505, SES-T/C-20091125-01502, SES-T/C-20091125-01506, SES-T/C-20091125-01504 and SES-T/C-20091125-01503 (granted Dec. 3, 2009); *Intelsat Application for Pro Forma Transfer of Control*, File Nos. SAT-T/C-20110810-00160, SAT-T/C-20110811-00161, SES-T/C-20110811-00948, SES-T/C-20110812-00963 (granted Oct. 13, 2011), and 0004825139 (granted Oct. 19, 2011).

Exhibit B

FCC Form 312, Response to Question 36: Cancelled Authorizations

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) has never had an FCC license “revoked.” However, on June 26, 2000, the International Bureau “cancelled” two Ka-band satellite authorizations issued to a former Intelsat entity, PanAmSat Licensee Corp. (“PanAmSat”),³ based on the Bureau’s finding that PanAmSat had not satisfied applicable construction milestones.⁴ In that same order, the Bureau denied related applications to modify the cancelled authorizations. PanAmSat filed an application for review of the Bureau’s decision, which the Commission denied, and subsequently filed an appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which was dismissed in January 2003 at PanAmSat’s request. Notwithstanding the fact that the Bureau’s action does not seem to be the kind of revocation action contemplated by question 36, Intelsat is herein making note of the decision in the interest of absolute candor and out of an abundance of caution. In any event, the Bureau’s action with respect to PanAmSat does not reflect on Intelsat’s basic qualifications, which are well-established and a matter of public record.

³ All licenses previously held by PanAmSat Licensee Corp. have been assigned to Intelsat License LLC. See IBFS File Nos. SAT-ASG-20101203-00252 (granted Dec. 23, 2010), SES-ASG-20101203-0150 (granted Dec. 20, 2010), and SES-ASG-20101206-01502 (granted Dec. 20, 2010).

⁴ See *PanAmSat Licensee Corp.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 18720 (IB 2000).

Exhibit C
FCC Form 312, Response to Question 40:
Officers, Directors, and Ten Percent or Greater Shareholders

The officers and directors/managers of Intelsat License LLC are as follows:

Officers:

Franz Russ, Deputy Chairman
Michelle Bryan, Secretary
Mirjana Hervy, Director, Finance

Board of Managers:

Franz Russ
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Intelsat License LLC is a Delaware limited liability company that is wholly owned by Intelsat License Holdings LLC, also a Delaware limited liability company. Intelsat License Holdings LLC is wholly owned by Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A., a Luxembourg company. Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A. is wholly owned by Intelsat (Luxembourg) S.A., a Luxembourg company. Intelsat (Luxembourg) S.A. is wholly owned by Intelsat Investments S.A., a Luxembourg company. Intelsat Investments S.A. is wholly owned by Intelsat Holdings S.A., a Luxembourg company. Intelsat Holdings S.A. is wholly owned by Intelsat Investment Holdings S.à r.l., a Luxembourg company. Intelsat Investment Holdings S.à r.l. is wholly owned by Intelsat S.A., a Luxembourg company. Each of these entities may be contacted at the following address: 4 rue Albert Borschette, L-1246 Luxembourg.

Intelsat S.A.'s ownership was approved by the Commission as part of the *Intelsat-Serafina Order* and the recent Intelsat Pro Forma and is incorporated by reference. See *Intelsat Holdings, Ltd. and Serafina Holdings Limited, Consolidated Application for Consent to Transfer of Control of Holders of Title II and Title III Authorizations*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 22 FCC Rcd 22,151 (2007) ("*Intelsat-Serafina Order*"); *Intelsat Application for Pro Forma Transfer of Control*, File Nos. SAT-T/C-20110810-00160, SAT-T/C-20110811-00161, SES-T/C-20110811-00948, SES-T/C-20110812-00963 (granted Oct. 13, 2011), and 0004825139 (granted Oct. 19, 2011) ("*Intelsat Pro Forma*"). On May 16, 2012, the International Bureau granted an application to transfer control of Intelsat pursuant to a public offering of newly issued voting shares by Intelsat, subsequent voting share sales by current shareholders and possible private placements of newly issued voting shares. *In the Matter of Intelsat Global Holdings, S.A., Applications to Transfer Control of Intelsat Licenses and Authorizations from BC Partners Holdings Limited to Public Ownership*, Order, DA 12-768 (rel. May 16, 2012). This change of control has not yet been fully consummated.