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**Re: Amendment to Request for Special Temporary Authority  
INTELSAT 901; Call Sign: S2405; File No. SAT-STA-20010717-00066**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Intelsat LLC (“Intelsat”) herein seeks to amend its above-referenced request for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to temporarily deploy INTELSAT 901 at 53° W.L. (307° E.L.) from August 28, 2001 through October 14, 2001.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Intelsat LLC seeks to include in its request for STA the period of time required to relocate the INTELSAT 901 satellite from its current in-orbit testing (“IOT”) location at 67.5° W.L. (292.5° E.L.)<sup>2</sup> to 53° W.L. (307° E.L.). Intelsat anticipates that IOT will be completed and relocation of the INTELSAT 901 satellite could commence on August 12, 2001. Accordingly, by this amendment, Intelsat seeks STA to relocate the INTELSAT 901 to 53° W.L. (307° E.L.) beginning August 12, 2001 and to deploy INTELSAT 901 temporarily in that location as a cold stand-by through October 14, 2001. Intelsat has filed a FCC Form 159 and a fee in the amount of \$670.00 for this amendment.

Intelsat will not operate the INTELSAT 901 communications payload during the relocation period commencing August 12, 2001. While drifting the satellite to the 53° W.L. (307° E.L.) location, Intelsat will operate only its TT&C functions. Intelsat will ensure that its use of TT&C functions during the relocation from 67.5° W.L. (292.5° E.L.) to 53° W.L. (307° E.L.) will not cause harmful interference to nearby satellites and has already established contact with the affected satellite operators to ensure real time coordination in accordance with usual practice. Upon arrival in the

<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Jennifer D. Hindin, Counsel for Intelsat LLC, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, dated July 3, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Thomas S. Tycz, Chief, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, Federal Communications Commission to Jennifer D. Hindin, Counsel for Intelsat LLC, dated July 18, 2001 (authorizing Intelsat to conduct in-orbit testing of its INTELSAT 901 satellite at 67.5° W.L. (292.5° E.L.)).

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53° W.L. (307° E.L.) location, INTELSAT 901 will be used as a cold standby for INTELSAT 706.

As explained in the STA request, temporary deployment of INTELSAT 901 at 53° W.L. (307° E.L.) is critical to ensuring the continuity of existing services at that location in the event of a failure of INTELSAT 706 during the Fall eclipse season. Allowing Intelsat to relocate the INTELSAT 901 for that purpose promptly upon completion of in-orbit testing serves the public interest in uninterrupted service during eclipses.

For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission grant this amendment and underlying STA request.

Sincerely,



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