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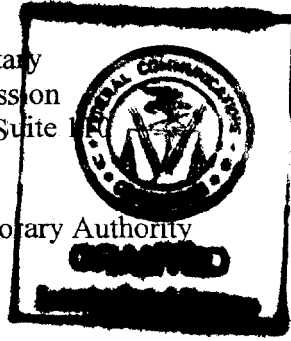
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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 1100
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Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
INTELSAT 904
Call Sign: S2408



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Dear Ms. Salas:

Intelsat LLC ("Intelsat") requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for 30 days from February 27, 2002 through March 29, 2002 to allow in-orbit testing of INTELSAT 904 at 58.5" E.L.¹ INTELSAT 904 is currently scheduled to be launched on February 20, 2002. In support of its request, Intelsat submits the following information.

On August 8, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") granted Intelsat authority to launch and operate INTELSAT 904 at 34.5" W.L.² On December 21, 2001, Intelsat filed an application to modify the license for INTELSAT 904 to permit deployment of the satellite at 60" E.L. rather than 34.5" W.L.³

The 58.5" E.L. location is the same location used to conduct in-orbit testing of INTELSAT 902.⁴ As with INTELSAT 902, Intelsat has coordinated the planned in-

¹ Intelsat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159 and a \$670.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System.

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, FCC 00-287 (2000) (Memorandum Opinion Order and Authorization) ("*Intelsat LLC Order*"), recon. denied, 15 FCC Rcd 25234, FCC 00-437 (2000) (Order on Reconsideration). This authority became effective upon the July 18, 2001 transfer of satellite assets from INTELSAT, the intergovernmental organization, to Intelsat and the transfer of INTELSAT's associated ITU network filings to U.S. registry. See *Intelsat LLC Order*, 15 FCC Rcd at 15519.

³ See *Satellite Policy Branch Information, Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00098, File No. SAT-MOD-2001 1221-00140 (Jan. 11, 2002) (Public Notice).

⁴ The Commission granted Intelsat an STA for that testing on September 4, 2001. See *Intelsat LLC Request for Special Temporary Authority to Conduct In-Orbit Testing of*

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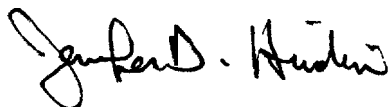
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orbit testing of INTELSAT 904 with New Skies Satellites, N.V., the operator of the adjacent satellite NSS 703 at 57° E.L., as well as with India, the operator of INSAT 2DR at 55° E.L. Intelsat's own satellite occupies the 60° E.L. location. In the unlikely event that harmful interference occurs, Intelsat will take all necessary steps to eliminate the interference.

The in-orbit testing of INTELSAT 904 at 58.5° E.L. is a critical step in ensuring that the satellite will be fully operational at its 60° E.L. ultimate orbital location. This, in turn, will ensure continuity of existing services at that location, and thereby promote the public interest.

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

Sincerely,



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the INTELSAT 902 Satellite at 58.5° E.L., 16 FCC Rcd 16208, DA 01-2069 (2001) (Order and Authorization),