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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority to Conduct In-Orbit Testing
INTELSAT 907
Call Sign: S2411

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 60 days from February 18, 2003 through April 19, 2003 to allow in-orbit testing of INTELSAT 907 at 25.75" W.L. INTELSAT 907 is scheduled to be launched on February 12, 2003. 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 907 at 3 1 .5° W.L.² On September 18, 2002, Intelsat filed an application to modify the license for INTELSAT 907 to permit deployment of the satellite at 27.5" W.L.³ That application is pending.

¹ Intelsat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159 and a \$670.00 tiling 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 (2000) (Memorandum Opinion Order and Authorization) ("*Intelsat LLC Order*"), recon. denied, 15 FCC Rcd 25234 (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 155 19.

³ See *Policy Branch Information, Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00 127, File No. SAT-MOD-200209 18-00 183 (Oct. 30, 2002) (Public Notice).

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The 25.75° W.L. orbital location is the same one used to conduct in-orbit testing of INTELSAT 905.⁴ As with INTELSAT 905, Intelsat has coordinated the planned in-orbit testing of INTELSAT 907 with Hispasat, the operator of a nearby satellite at 30° W.L., as well as with Russia, which holds ITU filings for -- but has no operational satellites at -- nearby locations, including 25° W.L. and 26.5° W.L. In the unlikely event that harmful interference occurs, Intelsat will take all necessary steps to eliminate the interference.

The in-orbit testing of INTELSAT 907 at 25.75° W.L. is a critical step in ensuring that the satellite will be fully operational at 27.5° W.L. 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,



Jennifer D. Hindin

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⁴ See *Intelsat LLC Request for Special Temporary Authority to In-Orbit Test INTELSAT 905 at 25.75° W.L.*, File No. SAT-STA-20020416-00057 (Apr. 16, 2002) (stamp grant by Jennifer Gilsenan, Branch Chief, Satellite Policy Branch, FCC, issued June 4, 2002).

Attachment

File No. SAT-STA-20021121-00222

Intelsat LLC is given special temporary authority to perform in-orbit testing of the INTELSAT 907 satellite at 25.75° W.L. for a period of 60 days commencing February 18, 2003 and ending April 19, 2003, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Intelsat LLC shall coordinate with existing geostationary satellites to ensure that no unacceptable interference results from its in-orbit testing operations;
- 2) In the event that any harmful interference does occur, Intelsat LLC shall cease operations until the issue is rectified; and
- 3) Any actions taken as a result of the in-orbit testing authority ARE SOLELY AT INTELSAT LLC'S OWN RISK.