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(or other identifier) Term Dates
From May 15, 2003 To June 16, 2003
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May 7, 2003

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

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority for INTELSAT 709
Call Sign: S2396

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 30 days to begin drifting INTELSAT 709 to 85.15° E.L. immediately. As further explained below, to best preserve the satellite's fuel, Intelsat intends to begin drifting INTELSAT 709 to 85.15° E.L. as soon as the requested STA has been granted. Intelsat therefore requests expeditious treatment of this STA request.

INTELSAT 709 currently is located at 55.35° W.L., where it has been co-located with INTELSAT 805. On January 31, 2003, Intelsat filed an application to modify its authorization for INTELSAT 709 to allow its deployment at 85.15° E.L.² That application remains pending. Intelsat has a customer commitment for the satellite at 85.15° E.L. beginning in early August. In order to best preserve the satellite's fuel and satisfy the customer commitment, Intelsat intends to begin drifting Intelsat 709 to 85.15° E.L. by May 18, 2003.

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by providing Intelsat with the flexibility needed to manage its system and meet the current customer demand for satellite services in the region. In addition, grant of this STA request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. During the drift, Intelsat will utilize only TTC&M frequencies on the satellite. INTELSAT 709 will not begin operating at 85.15° E.L. until such operation has been authorized by the FCC.

¹ Intelsat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159, and a \$705.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System.

² See *Satellite Policy Branch Information, Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00140, File No. SAT-MOD-20030131-00029 (Mar. 18, 2003) (Public Notice).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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IntelSat LLC Request for STA for INTEL-SAT 709 to drift to 85.15 E.L.

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STA CONDITIONS

INTELSAT 709
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May 15, 2003

Today we grant Intelsat LLC's request for special temporary authority for a period of 30 days, commencing May 18, 2003, to drift the INTELSAT 709 satellite from the 55.35° W.L. orbital location to the 85.15° E.L orbital location, subject to the following conditions:

- a) During the drift of the INTELSAT 709 satellite from 55.35° W.L. to 85.15° E.L. Intelsat LLC shall not operate the communications payload on the satellite;
- b) Intelsat LLC shall coordinate the Tracking, Telemetry, Command, & Monitoring (TTC&M) operations for the INTELSAT 709 satellite with all existing geostationary satellites to ensure that no unacceptable interference results from its TTC&M operations during the drift operations;
- c) During the drift no harmful interference shall be caused by the INTELSAT 709 satellite to any other lawfully operating in-orbit satellite, and operations of the INTELSAT 709 satellite shall cease immediately upon notification of such interference;
- d) Intelsat LLC is required to accept interference from other lawfully operating in-orbit satellites;
- e) Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this special temporary authority is solely at Intelsat LLC's own risk; and
- f) Grant of this special temporary authority does not, in any way, prejudice the outcome of the Commission's decision on Intelsat LLC's pending modification application (SAT-MOD-20020131-00029).