

December 22, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554



Re: Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Continue Operating the Intelsat 706 Payload, Call Sign S2401

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat North America LLC (“Intelsat”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”),¹ herein requests a 30-day further extension – through February 3, 2010 – of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)² previously granted Intelsat to continue operating the Intelsat 706 satellite’s payload (Call Sign S2401) at its current location of 54.85° E.L.³ Intelsat 706 will continue to operate at that location in accordance with the ITU filings of the Indian Administration.⁴

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

² Intelsat has filed its STA request, an FCC Form 159, an \$830.00 filing fee and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System (“IBFS”).

³ See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00632, File No. SAT-STA-20090807-00082 (Sept. 11, 2009) (Public Notice); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00638, SAT-STA-20090929-00100 (Oct. 9, 2009); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00644, File No. SAT-STA-20090923-00099 (Nov. 6, 2009); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00652, File No. SAT-STA-20091201-00134 (Dec. 4, 2009). Intelsat has authority to operate the satellite’s TT&C carriers at 54.85° E.L.

beyond January 4, 2010. See *Intelsat North America LLC, Application to Modify Authorization for Intelsat 706*, File No. SAT-MOD-20081124-00218, condition #20 (stamp grant issued Mar. 20, 2009 by Stephen J. Duall). Intelsat plans to relocate Intelsat 706 in June 2010. Intelsat is therefore concurrently filing a 180-day STA request, beginning February 4, 2010, to cover the remaining time period that the satellite is expected to remain at 54.85° E.L.

⁴ A copy of the extension of Intelsat’s agreement with the Indian Administration through December 31, 2010 was attached to the most recent STA request and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will ensure continuity of service to Intelsat's customers in the Indian Ocean Region. During this temporary period, Intelsat agrees to comply with the existing conditions of its authorization to operate Intelsat 706 at 54.85° E.L. Moreover, grant of this temporary request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference because Intelsat 706's operations at 54.85° E.L. are already on a non-harmful interference basis. Intelsat will also continue to operate in accordance with India's existing coordination agreements regarding the nominal 55° E.L. location.

For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously grant this request to further extend for 30 days the STA to continue to operate the Intelsat 706 satellite at 54.85° E.L.

Sincerely,



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