

February 18, 2010

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



Re: Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority for
Intelsat 3R
Call Sign: PAS-2R

Dear Ms. Dortch:

PanAmSat Licensee Corp. ("PanAmSat") herein requests an additional 30-day extension – through March 27, 2010 – of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ previously granted PanAmSat to drift Intelsat 3R from 43.0° W.L. to 43.1° W.L., and to operate the satellite temporarily at 43.1° W.L. in the conventional C- and Ku-bands.² Intelsat 3R currently is operating at 43.1° W.L.

PanAmSat relocated Intelsat 3R to 43.1° W.L. under a 180-day STA because at the time that STA request was filed – January 29, 2009 – the estimated fuel on the satellite resulted in a planned de-orbit date in early-to-mid 2010. Since then, PanAmSat has extended the satellite's estimated End of Maneuver Life date to July 2011 after an annual fuel usage evaluation. Given this new information, PanAmSat initially planned to seek permanent authority for the satellite to operate at 43.1° W.L. Currently, however, PanAmSat is evaluating a potential redeployment of the satellite. As such, it is seeking this STA further extension until a decision is made regarding the satellite's possible redeployment.

Grant of this STA further extension request is in the public interest because it will allow PanAmSat to continue operating Intelsat 3R at 43.1° W.L., thereby ensuring continuity of service for the customers on the satellite.

Grant of this STA further extension request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. PanAmSat will continue to operate the Intelsat 3R satellite at 43.1° W.L. in conformance with PanAmSat's coordination

¹ PanAmSat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159 and a \$830.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System.

² See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00619, File No. SAT-STA-20090129-00012 (July 24, 2009) (Public Notice); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00663, File No. SAT-STA-20100122-00016 (Jan. 29, 2010) (Public Notice).

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agreements related to the nominal 43.0° W.L. location, as well as with the FCC's rules designed to allow co-frequency, co-coverage operations in a two-degree spaced environment.

For the reasons set forth herein, PanAmSat respectfully requests that the Commission grant this STA further extension request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan H. Crandall" followed by a stylized flourish.

Susan H. Crandall
Assistant General Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Bob Nelson
Kathryn Medley
Stephen Duall