

April 21, 2010

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 May 26, 2010 -- of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA")<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> Intelsat 3R currently is operating at 43.1° W.L.

PanAmSat relocated Intelsat 3R to 43.1° W.L. under a 180-day STA<sup>3</sup> because at the time that STA request was filed – January 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. In response to customer demand, however, PanAmSat has filed a 180-day STA request to drift Intelsat 3R from 43.1° W.L. to 81.0° W.L., and to operate the satellite temporarily at 81.0° W.L. in the conventional C- and Ku-bands beginning on June 1, 2010.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00677, File No. SAT-STA-20100323-00055 and File No. SAT-STA-20100218-00030 (Apr. 2, 2010) (Public Notice); 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).

<sup>3</sup> See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00619, File No. SAT-STA-20090129-00012 (July 24, 2009) (Public Notice).

<sup>4</sup> See *Request for Special Temporary Authority for Intelsat 3R*; Call Sign PAS-2R; File No. SAT-STA-20100402-00063 (filed Apr. 2, 2010).

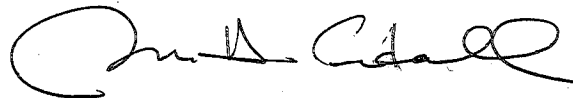
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Grant of this STA further extension request is in the public interest because it will allow PanAmSat to continue operating Intelsat 3R at 43.1° W.L. pending its redeployment to 81.0° W.L. This will ensure continuity of service for a customer on the satellite whose service will terminate prior to the drift to 81.0° W.L.

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 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,



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Intelsat Corporation

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Stephen Duall