

April 27, 2010

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



Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to
Drift Intelsat 709
Call Sign S2396

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat North America LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a 14-day extension – through May 15, 2010 – of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ previously granted Intelsat to continue to drift Intelsat 709 (call sign S2396) past 54.85° E.L. to 50.0° E.L. and to operate it at 50.0° E.L. for 10 days pursuant to the ITU filings of the administration of Turkey before drifting the satellite back to 54.85° E.L.²

Intelsat 709 currently is drifting back to 54.85° E.L. The satellite is expected to reach that location on or about May 11, 2010.

Intelsat has a grant of STA to drift Intelsat 709 to 54.85° E.L. and to operate temporarily at that location in the C- and Ku-bands pursuant to the ITU filings of the Indian Administration.³ Intelsat also has a pending application for permanent authority to redeploy Intelsat 709

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

² See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-STA-20100315-00046 (Apr. 2, 2010) (Public Notice). Intelsat has an agreement with Turksat, the authorized operator for 50.0° E.L., allowing Intelsat 709 to operate at that location. That agreement was filed as a supplement to the initial STA request and is incorporated herein by reference.

³ See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00666, File No. SAT-STA-20100111-00006 (Feb. 19, 2010) (Public Notice); Intelsat North America LLC Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority, File No. SAT-STA-20100412-00074 (filed Apr. 12, 2010).

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to 54.85° E.L., where it will operate pursuant to the filings of the Indian Administration.⁴

During the drift of Intelsat 709 from 50.0° E.L. back to 54.85° E.L., Intelsat will utilize only the satellite's TT&C frequencies and will follow industry practices for coordinating TT&C transmissions during the relocation process. The specific TT&C frequencies are as follows:

Uplink:

6173.7 MHz (LHCP)
6176.3 MHz (LHCP)

Downlink:

3947.5 MHz (RHCP)
3948.0 MHz (RHCP)
3952.5 MHz (RHCP)
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Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow Intelsat to complete the drift of Intelsat 709 back to 54.85° E.L. for permanent operation, as set forth in the pending application.

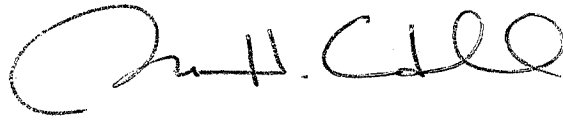
Grant of this STA extension request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. As noted above, Intelsat will operate only the above listed TT&C frequencies during the drift, and will coordinate its TT&C transmissions with operators of satellites in the drift path. Should any interference occur during the drift, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate such interference.

⁴ See *Application of Intelsat North America to Modify License for Intelsat 709*, File No. SAT-MOD-20091106-00117 (filed Nov. 6, 2009); *Application of Intelsat North America LLC to Amend Application*, File No. SAT-AMD-20100104-00003 (filed Jan. 4, 2010).

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For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously grant this extension request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan H. Crandall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "C".

Susan H. Crandall
Assistant General Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Karl Kensinger
Kathyrn Medley
Stephen Duall