

July 27, 2011

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



Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority for Galaxy 26
Call Sign: S2469

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a 60-day extension – through October 7, 2011 – of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ previously granted to Intelsat to drift Galaxy 26 from 50.75° E.L. to 50.0° E.L. and operate it at 50.0° E.L. in the C- and Ku-bands pursuant to the ITU filings of the Turkish Administration.² Intelsat also has a pending application to modify the Galaxy 26 license for permanent operation at that location.³

Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow Intelsat to continue to provide U.S. Government customers with capacity in the Indian Ocean region without risk of harmful interference. As explained in its initial STA request, the reason Galaxy 26 was moved from 50.75° E.L. to 50.0° E.L. was to avoid interference from the recently-launched Yahsat-1A at 52.5° E.L.⁴

Grant of this STA extension request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. As noted above, at 50.0° E.L., Intelsat will continue to operate Galaxy 26 pursuant to the coordination agreements of the Turkish

¹ Intelsat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159 and an \$860.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System.

² See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00787, File No. SAT-STA-201110314-00053 (June 17, 2011) (Public Notice). Although Turkey's ITU filings currently do not contain the frequency band 11700-12200 MHz, Intelsat intends to ask Turkey to file for the band.

³ See *Policy Branch Information, Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00775, File Nos. SAT-MOD-20110420-00073 (May 6, 2011) (Public Notice).

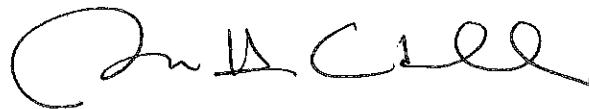
⁴ Yahsat-1A was launched with Intelsat's New Dawn satellite on April 22, 2011. Yahsat-1A is a C-, Ku-, Ka-band satellite.

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Administration for that location.⁵ Intelsat continues to discuss the coordination situation with Yahsat and operation will continue to be conducted on a non-interference non-protected basis with respect to Yahsat and any other operator of nearby co-frequency satellites. In addition, Intelsat agrees to accept the same conditions that were imposed in its existing STA to operate Galaxy 26 at 50.0° E.L.⁶

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

Sincerely,



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⁵ See Letter from Susan H. Crandall, Intelsat, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, File Nos. SAT-MOD-20110420-00073 and SAT-STA-20110314-00053 (June 8, 2011).

⁶ See *supra* n.2.