

November 23, 2011

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
Galaxy 26
Call Sign: S2469

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests an additional 60-day extension – from December 7, 2011 through February 4, 2012 – 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 further 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

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-00813, File No. SAT-STA-20110923-00185 (Oct. 7, 2011) (Public Notice); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00800, File No. SAT-STA-20110727-00137 (Aug. 12, 2011) (Public Notice); *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 initially did not contain the frequency band 11700-12200 MHz, Turkey has since filed 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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Grant of this STA further 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 Administration for that location.⁵ Intelsat met recently with Yahsat in the United Arab Emirates to further discuss the coordination situation and Intelsat continues to believe that it can fully protect Yahsat-1A's operations. In the meantime, operation of Galaxy 26 at 50.0° E.L. 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 These conditions ensure that Yahsat's current and future operations on Yahsat-1A will not be negatively impacted by Galaxy 26's continued operation – as they have not been to date.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan H. Crandall

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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.