

January 25, 2012

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  
Galaxy 26; Call Sign: S2469

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a 30-day further extension—from February 4, 2012 through March 4, 2012—of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) <sup>1</sup> previously granted Intelsat to operate the Galaxy 26 satellite (Call Sign S2469) at 50.0° E.L. pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the STAs granted December 8, 2011 and extended January 4, 2012. <sup>2</sup>

As the International Bureau staff is aware, Intelsat and Al Yah Satellite Communications Company PrJSC (“Yahsat”) have been engaged in coordination discussions regarding Galaxy 26’s operation at 50.0° E.L. The parties expect shortly to have an agreement. Intelsat therefore seeks this extension in order to continue coordination discussions. Consistent with the January 4, 2012 STA, Intelsat has filed weekly updates on the status of coordination discussions with Yahsat. Intelsat agrees to continue to provide weekly updates pursuant to grant of the requested STA.

As the Commission is aware, Galaxy 26 currently serves a U.S. military customer in the Middle East region. The entire capacity of the satellite is used on a daily basis to support multiple simultaneous unmanned aerial vehicle (“UAV”) flights. Continued operations are required to protect U.S. national security interests. Grant of the requested STA extension will serve the public interest by providing time for completion of a coordination agreement that will allow such continued operations.

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

<sup>2</sup> See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00827, File No. SAT-STA-20111207-00236 (Dec. 9, 2011) (Public Notice); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00834, File No. SAT-STA-20111219-00241 (Jan. 6, 2012) (Public Notice).

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For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests authority for the continued operation of Galaxy 26 as described in this STA further 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  
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Intelsat Corporation

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