

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

Re: Supplement to Request for Special Temporary Authority to Drift Intelsat 706
Call Sign S2401; File No. SAT-STA-20120323-00059

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At the request of the International Bureau staff, Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein supplements its above referenced request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to drift Intelsat 706 (call sign S2401) from 72.0° E.L. to 177.9° E.L., where it will eventually operate in the C- and Ku-bands in inclined orbit.¹

As noted in the original STA request, Intelsat currently expects to operate Intelsat 706 at 177.9° E.L. until the satellite is de-orbited in the fourth quarter of 2013. More specifically, the current expected end-of-life of the satellite is mid-November 2013, assuming the drift is commenced as scheduled. The current expected end-of-life of Intelsat 602, which currently operates at 177.85° E.L., is February 2013.

Intelsat plans shortly to file a permanent modification application for Intelsat 706's redeployment to 177.9° E.L., in which Intelsat will specify the communications frequencies that it will operate on the satellite once it arrives at 177.9° E.L. As noted in the original STA request, Intelsat 706 is not expected to be on-station at 177.9° E.L. until December 2012.

For the reasons set forth in the original STA request, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously grant this

¹ Intelsat 706 began operating in inclined orbit mode last year. *See* Letter from Susan H. Crandall, Intelsat, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, Call Sign S2401 (filed July 20, 2011).

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request. Intelsat is seeking to begin drifting Intelsat 706 on April 15, 2012 in order to preserve fuel by drifting the satellite slowly.

Sincerely,

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