

April 16, 2012



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 709
Call Sign S2396; File No. SAT-STA-20120409-00066

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 709 (call sign S2396) from 72.1° E.L. to 47.5° E.L. As noted in the STA request, at 47.5° E.L., Intelsat 709 will operate in inclined orbit mode pursuant to the ITU filings of the German Administration.¹ Intelsat intends shortly to file an application for permanent modification of the Intelsat 709 license, in which Intelsat will specify the communications frequencies that it will operate on the satellite once it arrives at 47.5° E.L.

Also as noted in the STA request, Intelsat 709 is expected to be on-station at 47.5° E.L. in mid-October 2012. Currently, Intelsat expects to operate the satellite at that location until it is de-orbited. The current expected end-of-life of Intelsat 709, assuming the drift commences as scheduled, is March 31, 2013.

¹ Intelsat expects to conduct the satellite's last north/south station-keeping maneuver in the next few weeks. Intelsat will file, as required, a notice of commencement of inclined orbit operations within 30 days of the last north/south station-keeping maneuver.

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