

April 8, 2013

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



Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to
Operate Intelsat 706
Call Sign S2401

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests an additional 60 days—through June 13, 2013—of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ originally granted Intelsat to operate Intelsat 706 (call sign S2401) at 157.0° E.L. in the C- and Ku-bands in inclined orbit.² Intelsat has a pending application for permanent authority to operate Intelsat 706 at 157.0° E.L.³

As explained below and in the original STA request, Intelsat 706 was redeployed to 157.0° E.L. on an emergency basis, in order to free up Intelsat 701 to move to 330.5° E.L. to ensure traffic continuity at 330.5° E.L. in light of the delayed launch of Intelsat 23. Intelsat currently expects to operate Intelsat 706 at 157.0° E.L. until the satellite is de-orbited in the second half of 2014.

At 157.0° E.L., Intelsat 706 will continue to operate in the following frequencies:

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-00931, File No. SAT-STA-20130206-00017 (Public Notice) (Feb. 15, 2013). Intelsat 706 began operating in inclined orbit mode in 2011. See Letter from Susan H. Crandall, Intelsat, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, Call Sign S2401 (filed July 20, 2011).

³ See *Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00915, File No. SAT-MOD-20121026-00188 (Nov. 30, 2012) (Public Notice).

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TT&C frequencies:

Uplink:

6173.7 (LHCP)
6176.3 (LHCP)

Downlink:

3947.5 (RHCP)
3948.0 (RHCP)
3952.5 (RHCP)
3952.0 (RHCP)

Communications frequencies:

3700 – 4200 MHz (space-to-Earth)
5925 – 6425 MHz (Earth-to-space)
10950 – 11200 MHz (space-to-Earth)
11450 – 11700 MHz (space-to-Earth)
12500 – 12750 MHz (space-to-Earth)
14000 – 14500 MHz (Earth-to-space)

Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow Intelsat to continue providing service at 157.0° E.L. In addition, grant of this request will allow the Commission more time to consider Intelsat's pending application to operate Intelsat 706 at 157.0° E.L. on a permanent basis.

Grant of this STA extension request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. Intelsat will continue to operate at 157.0° E.L. in conformance with its coordination agreements for the location.

Intelsat has assessed and limited the probability of the space station becoming a source of debris as a result of collision with large debris or other operational space stations. Except briefly while collocated with Intelsat 701, Intelsat 706 will not be located at the same orbital location as another satellite or at an orbital location that has an overlapping station-keeping volume with another satellite. Further, Intelsat is not aware of any other FCC licensed system, or any other system applied for and under consideration by the FCC, having an overlapping station-keeping volume with Intelsat 706 at 157.0° E.L.

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Finally, Intelsat is not aware of any system with an overlapping station-keeping volume with Intelsat 706 at 157.0° E.L. that is the subject of an ITU filing and that is either in orbit or progressing towards launch.

Intelsat requests that the Part 25 waivers originally granted to the Intelsat 706 spacecraft continue to apply at the 157.0° E.L. location, namely, the waivers of Sections 25.202(g), 25.210(a)(1), 25.210(a)(3), 25.210(i) and 25.211(a) of the Commission's rules.⁴

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

Sincerely,



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Intelsat Corporation

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Jay Whaley
Cindy Spiers

⁴ See *Applications of Intelsat LLC for Authority to Operate and Further Construct, Launch, and Operate C-Band and Ku-Band Satellites that Form a Global Communications System in Geostationary Orbit*, 15 FCC Rcd 15460, 15529 (Appendix C) (2000) (Memorandum Opinion and Order and Authorization), *recon. denied*, 15 FCC Rcd 25234 (2000) (Order on Reconsideration).