

August 8, 2013

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



Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority to Operate Intelsat 5
Call Sign S2704

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 30 days commencing August 27, 2013 to operate Intelsat 5 (call sign S2704) temporarily at 50.15° E.L. in inclined orbit in the C- and Ku-bands in accordance with the ITU filings of Turkey.² Intelsat has a pending application to modify the Intelsat 5 license to extend the satellite's license term and understands that grant of this STA request would be without prejudice to any action on that application.³

Intelsat 5 is currently drifting to 50.15° E.L. under STA⁴ and Intelsat expects to have the satellite on-station at 50.15 E.L. by August 27, 2013. Intelsat expects Intelsat 5 to operate at 50.15° E.L. through the first or second quarter of 2014, when Turksat-4B is expected to be launched to the nominal location.

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 Intelsat has a pending 180-day STA request for authority to operate Intelsat 5 at 50.15° E.L. *See Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00964, File No. SAT-STA-20130717-00095 (Aug. 2, 2013) (Public Notice). However, this STA request will not be eligible for grant by the August 27, 2013 date that Intelsat wishes to begin operating Intelsat 5 at 50.15° E.L.

³ Intelsat is seeking permanently to extend the Intelsat 5 license through December 31, 2020. *See Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00937, File No. SAT-MOD-20121002-00176 (Mar. 15, 2013) (Public Notice).

⁴ *See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00963, File No. SAT-STA-20130715-00092 (Jul. 26, 2013) (Public Notice).

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At the 50.15° E.L. location, Intelsat will utilize the following TT&C frequencies on Intelsat 5:

Uplink:

14498 MHz (H)
13999 MHz (RHCP)

Downlink:

11451 MHz (H, V and RHCP)
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11454 MHz (RHCP and LHCP)

At the 50.15° E.L. location, Intelsat also will operate the following communications frequencies on Intelsat 5:

Uplink:

5925-6425 MHz
12750-13250 MHz
14000-14250 MHz

Downlink:

3700-4200 MHz
10700-10950 MHz
11200-11450 MHz
11450-11700 MHz

Grant of this STA request is in the public interest because it will allow Intelsat to meet customer demand for temporary service at 50.15° E.L. It also serves the public interest by enabling customers to receive additional services with this in-orbit spacecraft prior to its de-orbit. The FCC has already approved a post-mission disposal plan for the Intelsat 5 satellite that reserves 21.2 kg of fuel for an intended de-orbit of 150 km.⁵

⁵ See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00561, File No. SAT-MOD-20080725-00150 (Oct. 24, 2008) (Public Notice). Intelsat notes that the Satellite Industry Association's pending request for blanket waiver of Section 25.283(c) incorrectly included the Intelsat 5 satellite.

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Grant of this STA request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. At 50.15° E.L., Intelsat will operate the above listed frequencies in accordance with Turkey's coordination agreements related to that location or on a non-interference, non-protected basis.

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. Intelsat 5 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 5 at 50.15° E.L. Finally, Intelsat is not aware of any system with an overlapping station-keeping volume with Intelsat 5 at 50.15° E.L. that is the subject of an ITU filing and that is either in orbit or progressing towards launch.

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

Sincerely,



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Jay Whaley
Cindy Spiers

Pleading Cycle Established for Comment on Satellite Industry Association's Blanket Waiver Request Concerning Relieving Satellite Pressure Vessels, IB Docket No. 02-54, DA 10-2291 (Dec. 14, 2010) (Public Notice).