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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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# APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Request for 30-Day Further Extension STA to Drift Intelsat 16 to 58.1 W.L., Call Sign S2750

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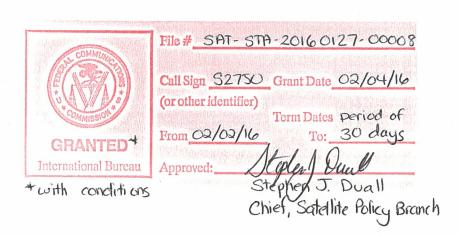
Attention:

Susan H. Crandall

# Intelsat License LLC IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20160127-00008 Call Sign S2750

The application of Intelsat License LLC (Intelsat) for special temporary authority, IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20160127-00008, is GRANTED. Intelsat is authorized for a period of 30 days, commencing February 2, 2016, to continue to conduct Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C) operations with the Intelsat 16 space station (Call Sign S2750) necessary to drift the space station from the 76.2° W.L. orbital location to the 58.1° W.L. orbital location using the following center frequencies: 14.4995 GHz and 13.9975 GHz (Earth-to-space); 12.19825 GHz and 12.19875 GHz (space-to-Earth). Operations under this authorization must be in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in Intelsat's application and the Federal Communications Commission's rules and are subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All operations under this grant of special temporary authority must be on an unprotected and non-harmful interference basis, *i.e.*, Intelsat must not cause harmful interference to, and must not claim protection from interference caused to it by, any other lawfully operating radiocommunication system.
- 2. In the event of any harmful interference as a result of the operations under this grant of special temporary authority, Intelsat must cease operations immediately upon notification of such interference and must immediately inform the Commission, in writing, of such an event.
- 3. Intelsat must coordinate the operations of Intelsat 16 with existing geostationary space stations to ensure that no unacceptable interference results from its operations during drift to the 58.1° W.L. orbital location.
- 4. Intelsat must operate only the TT&C frequencies on Intelsat 16 during the space station's drift from the 76.2° W.L. orbital location to the 58.1° W.L. orbital location.
- 5. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this grant of special temporary authority is at Intelsat's own risk.
- 6. This action is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective immediately.



| 2. Contact                            | t                           |  |           |   |                            |  |  |  |  |
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|                                       | Attention:                  |  | Relations | ship:   | Legal Counsel              |  |  |  |  |
| 4a. Is a  If Yes  Gover               | fee submitted, complete and | with this application? I attach FCC Form 159. If No, y Noncommercial education): |           | for fee exemption (see                                      | 47 C.F.R.Section 1.1114).  |  |  |  |  |
| 4b. Fee Cl                            | lassification               | CRY – Space Station (Geostatio   | nary)     |   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Type Re                            | equest                      | _  |           |   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| O Change Station Location             |                             |  |           |   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Temporary Orbit Location 58.1 W.L. |                             |  |           | 7. Requested Extended Expiration Date 2016–03–02 00:00:00.0 |                            |  |  |  |  |

| 8. Description (If the complete description)  | otion does not appear in this bo   | x, please go to the end of t   | he form to view it in its entirety | 7.)  |
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| Intelsat License LLC he<br>March 2, 2016, of the S<br>Intelsat 16 (S2750) fro   | pecial Temporary Auth  | nority previously  |                                    | 1    |
| 9. By checking Yes, the undersigned certo a denial of Federal benefits that inclu 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a cor 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "par | ides FCC benefits pursuant to Solution for possession or distri                        | Section 5301 of the Anti–D bution of a controlled subs               | rug Act of 1988,                   | O No |
| 0. Name of Person Signing<br>Cynthia J. Grady   |  | 11. Title of Person Signing Regulatory Counsel, Intelsat Corporation |                                    |      |
| 12. Please supply any need attachments.   |  |  |                                    |      |
| Attachment 1: STA Request   | Attachment 2:  |  | Attachment 3:                      |      |
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| (U.S. Code, Title 1   | ENTS MADE ON THIS FORM<br>8, Section 1001), AND/OR RE<br>47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/O | EVOCATION OF ANY STA   |                                    | MENT |

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January 27, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Drift Intelsat 16 to 58.1° W.L.; Call Sign: S2750

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests an additional 30 days—from February 2, 2016 through March 2, 2016—of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA")<sup>1</sup> previously granted Intelsat to drift Intelsat 16 (S2750) from 76.2° W.L. to 58.1° W.L. Intelsat 16 began its drift to 58.1° W.L. on January 22, 2016. The drift is expected to take approximately ten weeks.

Intelsat 16 is licensed permanently to operate at 79.0° W.L.,<sup>3</sup> although, as noted above, the satellite was temporarily operating at 76.2° W.L.<sup>4</sup> Intelsat currently has temporary authority to operate Intelsat 16 at 58.1° W.L. following its redeployment to that location.<sup>5</sup>

Intelsat has assessed and limited the probability of the space station becoming a source of debris as a result of collisions with large debris or other operational space stations. Intelsat 16 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 16 at 58.1°

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Intelsat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159 and a \$930.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01127, File No. SAT-STA-20151222-00085(Jan. 8, 2016) (Public Notice); Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01123, File No. SAT-STA-20151130-00079 (Dec. 11, 2015) (Public Notice); Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01114, File No. SAT-STA-20150925-00066 (Oct. 23, 2015) (Public Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01078, File No. SAT-MOD-20150105-00003 (Apr. 17, 2015) (Public Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01103, File No. SAT-STA-20150625-00038 (Aug. 21, 2015) (Public Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01121, File No. SAT-STA-20150925-00067 (Dec. 4, 2015) (Public Notice). Intelsat expects to file a permanent license modification application at a later date.

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W.L. Finally, Intelsat is not aware of any system that has an overlapping station-keeping volume with Intelsat 16 at 58.1° W.L. that is the subject of an ITU filing and that is either in orbit or progressing towards launch.

The operation of Intelsat 16 at 58.1° W.L. will help satisfy customer demand at that location. Accordingly, grant of this STA further extension request is in the public interest.

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

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Frady

Regulatory Counsel Intelsat Corporation

Cc: Stephen Duall Jay Whaley Cindy Spiers