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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Request for 30-Day STA to Conduct IOT of the Intelsat 36 Satellite, Call Sign S2948

1. Applicant

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IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20160809-00080

IBFS File No(s):	SAT-STA-20160809-00080 ¹	<p>GRANTED – With Conditions</p>  <p>International Bureau Satellite Division</p>
Licensee/Grantee:	Intelsat License LLC	
Call Sign:	S2948	
Satellite Name:	Intelsat 36	
Orbital Location: (required station-keeping tolerance)	63.1° E.L. (+/- 0.05 degrees east/west)	
Administration:	United States of America	
Nature of Service:	Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS)	
Scope of Grant:	Special temporary authority for a period of 30 days to perform in-orbit testing (IOT) of Intelsat 36 at the 63.1° E.L. orbital location and to perform Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C) operations necessary to maintain Intelsat 36 at 63.1° E.L. and to effect drift of Intelsat 36 to its authorized orbital location at 68.5° E.L. upon completion of IOT.	
Service Area(s):	Not Applicable	
Frequencies:	Payload testing frequencies: 3625–4200 MHz (space-to-Earth) 5925–6725 MHz (Earth-to-space) 11.2–11.45 GHz (space-to-Earth) 11.7–12.5 GHz (space-to-Earth) 13.0–13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space) 17.3–18.1 GHz (Earth-to-space) TT&C center frequencies: 3652.0 MHz, 3652.5 MHz, 3653.5 MHz, and 3654.0 MHz (space-to-Earth); and 6722.00 MHz and 6724.5 MHz (Earth-to-space).	
<p>Operations under this grant must comport with the legal and technical specifications set forth by the applicant or petitioner and with Federal Communication Commission’s rules not waived herein. This grant is also subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All operations under this grant of special temporary authority must be on an unprotected and non-harmful interference basis, <i>i.e.</i>, Intelsat must not cause harmful interference to, and must not claim protection from interference caused to it by, any other lawfully operating station. 2. In the event of any harmful interference under this grant of special temporary authority, Intelsat must cease operations immediately upon notification of such interference and must inform the Commission, in writing, immediately of such an event. 3. Intelsat must coordinate the operations of Intelsat 36 with existing geostationary space stations to ensure that no unacceptable interference results from its operations at the 63.1° E.L. orbital location or during drift from the 63.1° E.L. orbital location to the 68.5° E.L. orbital location. 4. Intelsat 36’s operations at the 63.1° E.L. orbital location must be limited to IOT and must not include the provision of commercial services. 5. Intelsat must operate only the TT&C frequencies on Intelsat 36 during the space station's drift from the 63.1° E.L. orbital location to the 68.5° E.L. orbital location. 		

¹ Intelsat previously filed a similar request for special temporary authority, but with a starting date of September 10, 2016. See IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20160722-00068 (granted Aug. 4, 2016). The instant application requests a starting date of September 4, 2016.

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6. During in-orbit testing, Intelsat must maintain the Intelsat 36 space station within an east-west longitudinal station-keeping tolerance of ± 0.05 degrees of the 63.1° E.L. orbital location.

7. IOT operations for Intelsat 36 must comply with the conditions imposed in IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-20151231-00089.²

8. Intelsat's requests that the previously granted waivers of Sections 25.210(a)(2), 25.210(a)(3), and 25.210(i)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 25.210(a)(2), 25.210(a)(3), and 25.210(i)(1), be extended to the satellite at 63.1° E.L., is GRANTED, for the reasons set forth in the previous grant.³

Licensee/grantee is afforded thirty (30) days from the date of release of this action to decline the grant as conditioned. Failure to respond within this period will constitute formal acceptance of the grant as conditioned.

This action is taken pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective upon release.

Station licenses are subject to the conditions specified in Section 309(h) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 309(h).

Action Date:	August 18, 2016	
Term Dates	From: September 4, 2016	To: period of 30 days

Approved:



Stephen J. Duall
Chief, Satellite Policy Branch

² See Intelsat License LLC's Application for Authority to Construct, Deploy, and Operate a C- and Ku-band satellite, Intelsat 36, at 68.5° E.L., IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-20151231-00089 (Granted June 9, 2016).

³ *Id.*

2. Contact

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Attention:		Relationship:	Legal Counsel

(If your application is related to an application filed with the Commission, enter either the file number or the IB Submission ID of the related application. Please enter only one.)

3. Reference File Number or Submission ID

4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?

- If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).
- Governmental Entity Noncommercial educational licensee
- Other (please explain):

4b. Fee Classification CRY - Space Station (Geostationary)

5. Type Request

- Change Station Location Extend Expiration Date Other

6. Temporary Orbit Location

7. Requested Extended Expiration Date

8. Description (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)

Intelsat License LLC herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority for 30 days, beginning September 4, 2016, to conduct in-orbit testing of the Intelsat 36 satellite (Call Sign S2948) at 63.1 E.L. and to drift the satellite to its permanent location of 68.5 E.L.

9. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application" for these purposes. Yes No

10. Name of Person Signing
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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August 9, 2016

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

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority to Conduct In-Orbit Testing of Intelsat 36;
Call Sign S2948

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 30 days, beginning September 4, 2016,² to conduct in-orbit testing (“IOT”) of the Intelsat 36 satellite (Call Sign S2948) at 63.1° E.L. and to drift the satellite to its permanent location of 68.5° E.L.³ Intelsat 36 is scheduled to be launched on August 24, 2016. The IOT period is expected to last approximately 20 days and the drift to 68.5° E.L. is expected to last approximately eight days.

Intelsat 36 IOT payload testing will be performed in the following frequency bands:

- 3625 – 4200 MHz, 11200 – 11450 MHz, and 11700 – 12500 MHz (space-to-Earth);
- 5925 – 6725 MHz, 13000 – 13250 MHz, and 17300 – 18100 MHz (Earth-to-space).

Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (“TT&C”) services for Intelsat 36 will be performed in the following center frequencies:

- 3652.0 MHz, 3652.5 MHz, 3653.5 MHz, and 3654.0 MHz (space-to-Earth);
- 6722.00 MHz and 6724.5 MHz (Earth-to-space).

In support of its request, Intelsat submits the following information.

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

² Intelsat previously was granted authority to conduct in-orbit testing beginning September 10, 2016. *See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01178, File No. SAT-STA-20160722-00068 (Aug. 5, 2016) (Public Notice). However, because of a recent schedule change, Intelsat is now requesting an earlier commencement date.

³ *See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01166, File No. SAT-LOA-20151231-00089 (Jun. 10, 2016) (Public Notice). During the drift from 63.1° E.L. to 68.5° E.L., only the satellite's TT&C frequencies will be utilized. At 68.5° E.L. Intelsat 36 will be collocated with Intelsat 20 (S2847). *See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00886, File No. SAT-LOA-20111024-00208 (Jul. 27, 2012) (Public Notice).

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During the IOT of Intelsat 36, Intelsat will operate in the above referenced C-, Ku- and Ka-bands. Intelsat has identified the operational satellites within +/-6 degrees of the IOT location. Coordination is ongoing with several operators of such satellites to resolve potential interference issues. Intelsat expects to complete coordination discussions before launch of the Intelsat 36 satellite. In the unlikely event that harmful interference occurs, Intelsat will take all necessary steps to eliminate the interference.

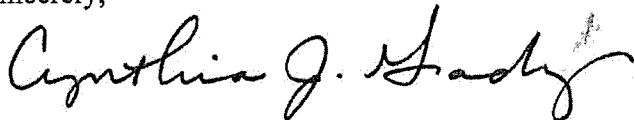
Intelsat has assessed and limited the probability of the space station becoming a source of debris as a result of collision with large debris or other operational space stations during IOT at 63.1° E.L. Intelsat 36 will not be located at the same orbital location as another satellite or at an orbital 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 36 at 63.1° E.L. In addition, Intelsat is not aware of any system with an overlapping station-keeping volume with Intelsat 36 at 63.1° E.L. that is the subject of an International Telecommunications Union ("ITU") filing and that is either in orbit or progressing towards launch.

Finally, Intelsat requests that the waivers previously granted to Intelsat 36 at 68.5° E.L. be extended to the satellite at 63.1° E.L. In particular, Intelsat requests that the previously-granted waivers of Sections 25.210(a)(2), 25.210(a)(3), and 25.210(i)(1) be extended to the satellite at 63.1° E.L., for the reasons set forth in the previous grant.

The IOT of Intelsat 36's C-, Ku-, and Ka-band payloads at 63.1° E.L. is a critical step in ensuring that the satellite will be fully operational at 68.5° E.L. This, in turn, will provide additional capacity to customers at the 68.5° E.L. location, and thereby promotes the public interest.

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

Sincerely,



Cynthia J. Grady
Regulatory Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Stephen Duall
Jay Whaley
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