

April 5, 2017

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

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority to Extend the NSS-7 License Term;  
Call Sign S2854

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)<sup>1</sup> for 30 days – beginning April 17, 2017 – to extend the NSS-7 (Call Sign S2854) license term to allow temporary continued operations at 340.0° E.L. under the terms of the NSS-7 permanent license.<sup>2</sup> The current license term for NSS-7 expires on April 16, 2017.<sup>3</sup>

Intelsat seeks a temporary extension in order to continue to operate the satellite pending the filing and grant of a regular modification application to extend the license term for NSS-7. Intelsat is currently compiling necessary technical data for the NSS-7 satellite and intends to file an application to modify the license term for the NSS-7 authorization shortly.<sup>4</sup> Intelsat regrets that due to a clerical error it was unable to file such modification application in time to accommodate the 30-day Public Notice period.

Grant of this STA request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. Intelsat will continue to operate the NSS-7 Ku-band communications payload in conformance with Intelsat’s coordination agreements related to the nominal 340.0° E.L. orbital location.

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<sup>1</sup> Intelsat has filed its STA request, an FCC Form 159, a \$200.00 filing fee, and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System (“IBFS”).

<sup>2</sup> See Intelsat License LCC, Application for Authority to Operate Certain Ku-band Frequencies of the NSS-7 Satellite at 340.0° E.L., File No. SAT-RPL-20120216-00018 (corrected stamp grant issued by Steven J. Duall on May 25, 2012).

<sup>3</sup> Consistent with Section 1.62 of the Commission’s rules, Intelsat will continue to operate the NSS-7 satellite pursuant to the terms and conditions of its permanent license until such time as the Commission makes a determination with respect to this request. 47 C.F.R. §1.62.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to an exchange of letters between the United States and the administration of the Netherlands, Intelsat operates the Ku-band payload of NSS-7 and SES operates the C-band payload on NSS-7. See *supra* n.2.

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Grant of this STA request to extend the NSS-7 license will serve the public interest by allowing Intelsat to continue serving customers from the 340.0° E.L. orbital location until Intelsat's application to modify permanently the NSS-7 authorization has been filed and acted upon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Crandall", written over a horizontal line.

Susan H. Crandall  
Associate General Counsel  
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Stephen Duall  
Jay Whaley  
Cindy Spiers