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 APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION


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Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Conduct In-Orbit Testing of Intelsat 37e, Call Sign S2972

I. Applicant

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<b>City:</b>	McLean	<b>State:</b>	VA
<b>Country:</b>	USA	<b>Zipcode:</b>	22102 -5972
<b>Attention:</b>	Susan H. Crandall		

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<b>IBFS File No(s):</b>	SAT–STA–20180214–00016	<p><b>GRANTED – With Conditions</b></p>  <p><b>International Bureau Satellite Division</b></p>
<b>Licensee/Grantee:</b>	Intelsat License LLC	
<b>Call Sign:</b>	S2972	
<b>Satellite Name:</b>	Intelsat 37e	
<b>Orbital Location: (required station-keeping tolerance)</b>	84.55° E.L. (+/- 0.05 degrees east/west)	
<b>Administration:</b>	United States of America	
<b>Nature of Service:</b>	In-Orbit Testing (IOT); Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C)	
<b>Scope of Grant:</b>	Special temporary authority for a period of 7 days to continue to perform IOT of Intelsat 37e at the 84.55° E.L. orbital location and to perform TT&C operations in connection with maintaining Intelsat 37e at 84.55° E.L. and effecting the drift of Intelsat 37e to its authorized orbital location at 18.0° W.L. upon completion of IOT.	
<b>Service Area(s):</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>Frequencies:</b>	Payload testing frequencies: 3400–4200 MHz (space-to-Earth) 5850–6650 MHz (Earth-to-space) 10.7–11.95 GHz (space-to-Earth) 12.5–12.75 GHz (space-to-Earth) 13.0–13.25 GHz (Earth-to-space) 13.75–14.5 GHz (Earth-to-space) 18.3–18.8 GHz (space-to-Earth) 19.7–20.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) 28.35–28.85 GHz (Earth-to-space) 29.5–30.0 GHz (Earth-to-space)	
	TT&C center frequencies: 4197.75 MHz, 4198.25 MHz, 4198.75 MHz, and 4199.25 MHz (space-to-Earth); and 5850.5–5853.0 MHz and 6422.5–6424.5 MHz (Earth-to-space), selectable via ground command in 100 kilohertz steps.	
<p><b>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:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 shall not claim protection from interference caused to it by, any other lawfully operating station. 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.</li> <li>2. Intelsat must coordinate the operations of Intelsat 37e with existing geostationary space stations to ensure that no unacceptable interference results from its operations at the 84.55° E.L. orbital location or during drift from the 84.55° E.L. orbital location to the 18.0° W.L. orbital location.</li> <li>3. Intelsat 37e’s operations at the 84.55° E.L. orbital location must be limited to IOT and must not include the provision of commercial services.</li> <li>4. Intelsat must operate only the TT&amp;C frequencies on Intelsat 37e during the space station's drift from the 84.55° E.L. orbital location to the 18.0° W.L. orbital location.</li> </ol>		

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5. During in-orbit testing, Intelsat must maintain the Intelsat 37e space station within an east-west longitudinal station-keeping tolerance of  $\pm 0.05$  degrees of the 84.55° E.L. orbital location.

6. The U.S. Administration will not object to use of the Intelsat 37e space station by the Administration of Papua New Guinea for bringing into use or continuing use of orbital assignments in the 18.3-18.8 GHz, 19.7-20.2 GHz, 28.35-28.85 GHz, and 29.5-30.0 GHz frequency bands at the 85° E.L. orbital location contained in the filing NEW DAWN 34.

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).

<b>Action Date:</b>	February 22, 2018	
<b>Term Dates</b>	<b>From:</b> February 21, 2018	<b>To:</b> February 28, 2018
<b>Approved:</b>	 Stephen J. Duall Chief, Satellite Policy Branch	

2. Contact

<b>Name:</b>	Susan H. Crandall	<b>Phone Number:</b>	703-559-7848
<b>Company:</b>	Intelsat Corporation	<b>Fax Number:</b>	703-559-8539
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<b>City:</b>	McLean	<b>State:</b>	VA
<b>Country:</b>	USA	<b>Zipcode:</b>	22102 -5972
<b>Attention:</b>		<b>Relationship:</b>	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 an additional seven days, through February 28, 2018, of the Special Temporary Authority previously granted Intelsat to conduct in-orbit testing of the Intelsat 37e satellite (Call Sign S2972) at 84.55 E.L., and to drift the satellite to its permanent location of 18.0 W.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  
Susan H. Crandall

11. Title of Person Signing  
Assoc. General 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 47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).

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February 14, 2018

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

Re: Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority  
to Conduct In-Orbit Testing of Intelsat 37e; Call Sign S2972

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests an additional seven days—through February 28, 2018—of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)<sup>1</sup> previously granted Intelsat to conduct in-orbit testing (“IOT”) of the Intelsat 37e satellite (Call Sign S2972) at 84.55° E.L., and to drift the satellite to its permanent location of 18.0° W.L.<sup>2</sup> Intelsat 37e was launched on September 29, 2017. IOT of a portion of the payload at 84.55° E.L. has been completed, and the drift to 18.0° W.L. is underway. Intelsat expects to complete IOT from Intelsat 37e’s final location at 18.0° W.L. in late February.

Intelsat 37e payload testing will continue to be performed in the following frequency bands:

- 3400-4200 MHz, 10700-11950 MHz, 12500-12750 MHz, 18300-18800 MHz, and 19700-20200 MHz (space-to-Earth); and
- 5850-6650 MHz, 13000-13250 MHz, 13750-14500 MHz, 28350-28850 MHz, and 29500-30000 MHz (Earth-to-space).

<sup>1</sup> Intelsat has filed this STA request, FCC Form 159, and a \$945.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System.

<sup>2</sup> See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Public Notice, Report No. SAT-01299, File Nos. SAT-STA-20171218-00173, SAT-STA-20180118-00007 (Jan. 26, 2018); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Public Notice, Report No. SAT-01287, File No. SAT-STA-20171115-00156 (Dec. 1, 2017); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Public Notice, Report No. SAT-01274, File No. SAT-STA-20170921-00135 (Oct. 6, 2017); *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Public Notice, Report No. SAT-01243, File No. SAT-LOA-20160915-00089 (June 9, 2017). During the drift from 84.55° E.L. to 18.0° W.L., only the satellite’s TT&C frequencies will be utilized.

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Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (“TT&C”) services for Intelsat 37e will continue to be performed at the following center frequencies and in the following frequency bands:

- 4197.75 MHz, 4198.25 MHz, 4198.75 MHz, and 4199.25 MHz (space-to-Earth); and
- 5850.5-5853.0 MHz and 6422.0-6424.5 MHz (Earth-to-space), selectable via ground command in 100 kilohertz steps.

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

During the IOT of Intelsat 37e, Intelsat will continue to operate in the above referenced C-, Ku-, and Ka-band frequencies. In the unlikely event that harmful interference occurs, Intelsat will take all necessary steps to eliminate the interference.

The IOT of Intelsat 37e’s C-, Ku-, and Ka-band payloads and drift of the satellite to its permanent location are critical steps in ensuring that the satellite will be fully operational at 18.0° W.L. This, in turn, will provide additional capacity to customers at the 18.0° W.L. location, and thereby promotes the public interest.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan H. Crandall  
Susan H. Crandall  
Associate General Counsel  
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Stephen Duall  
Jay Whaley  
Cindy Spiers