



December 22, 2020

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Request for 180-day Grant of Special Temporary Authority to Operate
IntelSat 1R at 157.1° E.L. with New Beam Coverage; Call Sign: S2368**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

IntelSat License LLC, as debtor in possession ("IntelSat"), herein requests grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 180 days, commencing upon grant, to operate one of IntelSat 1R's Ku-band beams over a new coverage area in the 11450-11700 MHz and 14000-14250 MHz communications frequency bands in order to provide customer service.² A map of the new beam coverage is enclosed as Exhibit A. IntelSat will also be filing a license modification application to support this new service area.

IntelSat 1R is permanently licensed to operate at 157.1° E.L. with a different Ku-band beam coverage than proposed herein,³ and is currently operating with the above requested coverage pursuant to a 60-day STA. IntelSat is seeking 180 days of temporary authority to support the long-term repointing of the South Pacific Ku-band beam⁴ while permanent authorization is obtained.

IntelSat's proposed operation of IntelSat 1R will conform to existing coordination agreements and the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules governing operations vis-à-vis adjacent locations.

The temporary operation of IntelSat 1R's Ku-band beam with a new coverage area will allow IntelSat to better meet customers' service needs. Accordingly, grant of this STA request is in the public interest.

¹ IntelSat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159, and a \$980.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System.

² IntelSat is currently operating under shorter-term STA. See IntelSat Request for an additional 60 days of Special Temporary Authority to operate IntelSat 1R (S2368) with new beam coverage, File No. SAT-STA-20201217-00146 (filed Dec. 17, 2020).

³ See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01310, File No. SAT-MOD-20180103-00002 (Apr. 13, 2018) (Public Notice).

⁴ All other IntelSat 1R beams are unaffected by the South Pacific Ku-band beam repointing.

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For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission grant this STA request. Please direct any questions to the undersigned at (703) 559-6949.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cynthia J. Grady

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Attachment

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Exhibit A
Proposed Coverage Map

