

March 22, 2023

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

Re: Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Operate
Galaxy 12 in Expanded Station-Keeping Box at 129.0° W.L.; Call Sign S2422

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests an additional 30 days of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ previously granted to Intelsat to operate the Galaxy 12 satellite (S2422) in an expanded +/- 0.1° East/West station-keeping box at 129.0° W.L. pursuant to waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 25.210(j).² Intelsat is seeking continued authority to temporarily operate Galaxy 12 in an expanded station-keeping box to provide greater operational flexibility while Galaxy 12 is temporarily collocated with Galaxy 34 (S3083).

Galaxy 12 is licensed to operate C-band frequencies in inclined orbit at the 129.0° W.L. orbital location.³ The C-band replacement satellite for Galaxy 12, Galaxy 34,⁴ arrived on station at 129.0° W.L. on December 12, 2022. Galaxy 12 and Galaxy 34 will be collocated at 129.0° W.L. until Galaxy 12 is redeployed,⁵ which is expected to be Q2 2023.

For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests grant of this further STA extension request and associated waiver.

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

² See, e.g., *Satellite Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01696, File No. SAT-STA-20221213-00172 (Jan. 27, 2023) (Public Notice). See also Intelsat License LLC, Request for Special Temporary Authority, File No. SAT-STA-20230222-00039 (filed Feb. 22, 2023) (seeking extension of prior grant of STA).

³ See *Satellite Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01535, File No. SAT-MOD-20200909-00106 (Mar. 12, 2021) (Public Notice).

⁴ See *Satellite Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01587, File No. SAT-RPL-20210325-00039 (Oct. 22, 2021) (Public Notice).

⁵ Intelsat is internally coordinating the collocation. Additionally, the requested operations will continue to conform to all applicable coordination agreements.

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Please direct any questions regarding this further STA extension to the undersigned at (703) 559-6949.

Respectfully submitted,

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