

**Intelsat License LLC**  
**Request for Special Temporary Authority**  
**Intelsat 30; Call Sign: S2887**

**Expedited Treatment Requested**

Intelsat Licensee LLC (“Intelsat”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”),<sup>1</sup> herein requests an expedited grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate Intelsat 30 (S2887) outside of its  $\pm 0.05^\circ$  station-keeping tolerance pursuant to a waiver of Section 25.210(j) of the Commission’s rules.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, Intelsat seeks to operate Intelsat 30 at  $95.05^\circ$  W.L. with an increased station-keeping tolerance of  $\pm 0.1^\circ$  for June 8-10, 2026.<sup>3</sup>

As Intelsat verbally informed the Space Bureau (“SB”) staff, Intelsat learned today (June 9, 2026) that Intelsat 30 had drifted outside of Intelsat 30’s licensed station-keeping box. Upon learning of the excursion, Intelsat took immediate action to bring the spacecraft back into its station-keeping box; Intelsat expects the spacecraft to be back in its station-keeping box on June 10, 2026. The satellite’s excursion outside of its station-keeping box was due to an issue with a monitoring system that has now been addressed. This issue was unexpected, unintentional, and isolated in nature.

Intelsat is not aware of, nor do we expect harmful interference to be caused by the requested increased station-keeping tolerance. In the unlikely event that any harmful interference occurs, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate such interference. Further, this event had no impact on customer service.

Grant of this STA request is in the public interest. The Commission may grant a waiver for good cause shown.<sup>4</sup> The Commission typically grants a waiver where the particular facts make strict compliance inconsistent with the public interest.<sup>5</sup> In granting a waiver, the Commission may take into account considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy on an individual basis.<sup>6</sup> Waiver is therefore appropriate if special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule, and such a deviation will serve the public interest.

Good cause exists in this case based on hardship. Waiver of Section 25.210(j) is warranted due to events outside of Intelsat’s control. Intelsat has taken all practicable steps to quickly return Intelsat 30 to its authorized east/west station-keeping box at  $95.05^\circ$  W.L.  $\pm 0.05^\circ$ .

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 25.210(j).

<sup>3</sup> The Intelsat 30 satellite is currently licensed to operate at the  $95.05^\circ$  W.L. orbital location with a  $\pm 0.05^\circ$  station-keeping tolerance. *See Intelsat License LLC, Application for Authority to Launch and Operate Intelsat 30*, Stamp Grant, ICFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20121025-00187 and SAT-AMD-20121221-00220 (Aug. 14, 2014).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.3.

<sup>5</sup> *N.E. Cellular Tel. Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (“*Northeast Cellular*”).

<sup>6</sup> *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969); *Northeast Cellular*, 897 F.2d at 1166.

Intelsat seeks grant of this STA immediately. The divergence of Intelsat 30 from its licensed station-keeping box was unforeseen by Intelsat and is the type of extraordinary event that makes grant of an STA on less than three working days' advance notice appropriate.<sup>7</sup>

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

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>7</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(a).