

April 16, 2010

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



Re: Request for Extension of STA to Operate a New 9.2m Ka-band
Antenna at Intelsat's Riverside Teleport

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat North America LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a 30-day extension -- through May 22, 2010 -- of the Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ previously granted Intelsat to test a new 9.2m Ka-band antenna located at its existing Riverside, CA teleport.² An extension is necessary because late delivery of critical antenna sub-components has delayed the test.

As originally requested, Intelsat will transmit in the 29500-30000 MHz bands and receive in the 19700-20200 MHz bands. Also as originally requested, the antenna will communicate with Galaxy 28 at 89° W.L. during testing. Galaxy 28 will be utilized for antenna gain patterns verification -- transmit and receive in both azimuth and elevation in both polarizations (linear and circular) -- and for cross-polarization patterns verification.

In support of this extension request, Intelsat incorporates by reference the materials submitted with its original STA request to test this antenna -- specifically, the detailed technical information (in Exhibits A-D) that demonstrates that the operation of the earth station at 89° W.L. during testing will be compatible with its electromagnetic environment and will not cause harmful interference into any lawfully operating facility. In the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference.

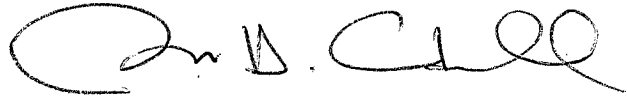
¹ Intelsat has filed its STA request, an FCC Form 159, a \$175.00 filing fee and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System ("IBFS").

² See *Satellite Communications Services Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SES-01231, File No. SES-STA-20091204-01561 (Mar. 31, 2010) (Public Notice).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan H. Crandall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "C".

Susan H. Crandall
Assistant General Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Kathryn Medley
Stephen Duall