

July 15, 2010

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



Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
Clarksburg, Maryland Earth Station KA260

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat North America LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 30 days, from August 3, 2010 through September 1, 2010, to use its Clarksburg, Maryland C-band earth station -- call sign KA260 -- to provide launch and early orbit phase ("LEOP") services for the RASCOM-QAF 1R satellite that is expected to be launched on August 3, 2010.² The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 10 days.³

The RASCOM-QAF 1R LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands: 6182 MHz and 6183.5 MHz (uplink) and 3956.2 MHz and 3957.7 MHz (downlink). The LEOP operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path.⁴ All operators of satellites in that path will be provided with an emergency phone number where the licensee can be reached in the event that harmful interference occurs.

The 24x7 contact information for the RASCOM-QAF 1R LEOP mission is as follows:

Harry Burnham or Mike Munion
Ph.: (202) 944-7753 (primary)
(202) 944-7701 (back-up)

In further support of this request, Intelsat is attaching Exhibit A, which contains a waiver request, as well as Exhibit B, which contains technical

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 The permanent orbital location for RASCOM-QAF 1R is 2.8° E.L.

³ Intelsat is seeking authority through September 1, 2010 to accommodate a possible launch delay.

⁴ Telespazio, which was hired by the manufacturer of RASCOM-QAF 1R, is coordinating the LEOP mission.

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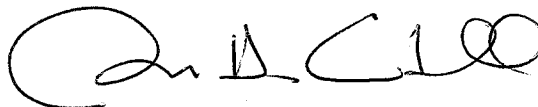
information that demonstrates that the operation of the earth station will be compatible with its electromagnetic environment and will not cause harmful interference into any lawfully operating terrestrial facility. In the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur due to transmissions to or from its earth station, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference.

Intelsat also notes that for purposes of the RASCOM-QAF 1R LEOP mission, it is seeking to operate in the frequencies listed in the request at power levels not to exceed 26.5 dBW. The technical information submitted with the STA request reflects a higher power level of 30.5 dBW because that is the level at which Intelsat might operate in the event an emergency necessitates the use of a higher power level in order to command the satellite.

Grant of this STA request will allow Intelsat to help launch the RASCOM-QAF 1R satellite to the 2.8° E.L. location. This, in turn, will promote the public interest by ensuring continuity of service from that location to Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

Please direct any questions regarding this STA request to the undersigned at (202) 944-7848.

Respectfully submitted,



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