Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch



Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority Fillmore, California Earth Station E4132

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")<sup>1</sup> for 30 days, from May 18, 2011 through June 16, 2011, to use its Fillmore, California C-band earth station -- call sign E4132 -- to provide launch and early orbit phase ("LEOP") services to the ST-2 satellite that is expected to be launched on May 18, 2011.<sup>2</sup> The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 10 days.<sup>3</sup>

The ST-2 LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands:

Uplink: 6429.25 MHz and 6427.75 MHz (RHCP); and Downlink: 3699.5 MHz and 3698.5 MHz (RHCP)

The LEOP operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path. 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 ST-2 LEOP mission is as follows:

Ph.: (202) 944-7701 – East Coast Operations Center (primary) (310) 525-5900 – West Coast Operations Center (back-up)

Request to speak with Harry Burnham or Mike Munion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The satellite's permanent orbital location will be 88.0° E.L.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Intelsat is seeking authority through June 16, 2011 to accommodate a possible launch delay.

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In further support of this request, Intelsat is attaching Exhibits A and B, which contain technical 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, as well as a waiver request. Intelsat notes that although it has coordinated a power level of 34.9 dBW, it expects to operate within the 26.5 dBW maximum level permitted by the FCC. A higher power level will only be used in case of emergency. 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.

Grant of this STA request will enable Intelsat to help launch the ST-2 satellite. This will serve the public interest by ensuring continuity of service at the satellite's permanent location of 88.0° E.L.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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