January 25, 2012

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



Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority

Hagerstown, Maryland 9.0 m Earth Station E000296

File No. SES-MFS-20111118-01379

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 30 days, from February 20, 2012 through March 20, 2012, to utilize its Hagerstown, Maryland Ku-band earth station prior to grant of permanent operating authority. Specifically, Intelsat seeks STA to support continuity of services during the migration of Intelsat's teleport operations from Clarksburg, Maryland to Hagerstown, Maryland. Intelsat has a pending application to modify its current license to authorize the relocation of this antenna to Intelsat's Hagerstown, Maryland teleport on a permanent basis.²

Intelsat seeks this STA in order to perform antenna testing. This testing serves the public interest by ensuring that the antenna can carry services for customers as soon as the antenna is permanently licensed at Intelsat's Hagerstown teleport.

In support of this request, Intelsat incorporates by reference its pending application for authority to relocate this antenna on a permanent basis.³ The application contains detailed 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 facility. In the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference.

³ See id.

¹ Intelsat has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159, a \$180.00 filing fee and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System ("IBFS").

² See Intelsat License LLC Application to Modify E000296 License, File No. SES-MFS-20111118-01379 (filed Nov. 18, 2011). Intelsat has asked that Sirius FM 5 be removed as a point of communication from that application and does not seek authority herein to communicate with that satellite.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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