

February 21, 2012

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



Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
Hagerstown, Maryland 14.2 m Earth Station KA258
File No. SES-MFS-20111115-01355

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat North America LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a 30-day extension -- through March 26, 2012 -- of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ previously granted Intelsat to use its Hagerstown, Maryland Ku-band earth station, call sign KA258, prior to grant of permanent operating authority.² Specifically, Intelsat seeks an extension of its STA to continue supporting 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.³ Intelsat seeks this STA extension in order to continue with 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 extension request, Intelsat incorporates by reference its pending application for authority to relocate this antenna on a permanent basis.⁴ The application contains detailed technical information that

¹ Intelsat has filed its 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 Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SES-01421, File No. SES-STA-20120118-00067 (Feb. 1, 2012) (Public Notice).

³ See *Satellite Communications Services; Satellite Radio Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SES-01415, File No. SES-MFS-20111115-01355 (Jan. 11, 2012) (Public Notice).

⁴ See *id.*

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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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. H. Crandall", written in a cursive style.

Susan H. Crandall
Assistant General Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Paul Blais