

July 10, 2012

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



Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
9.2m Ka-band Antenna, Riverside, California

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests an additional 30 days — from July 16, 2012 through August 14, 2012 — of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) ¹ previously granted Intelsat to utilize a 9.2m Ka-band antenna located at its Riverside, CA teleport to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services, as well as provide TT&C services temporarily during the IOT phase, to the EchoStar XVII satellite (f/k/a Jupiter-1 and SPACEWAY-4), which was launched on July 5, 2012.²

The EchoStar XVII LEOP operations will continue to be performed in the following frequency bands: 28.351 GHz and 28.353 GHz (uplink) and 19.7005 GHz and 19.7025 GHz (downlink).

The LEOP operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP

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 Satellite Communications Services Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SES-01459, File No. SES-STA-20120504-00421 (June 20, 2012) (Public Notice). EchoStar XVII will be in-orbit tested at 107.1° W.L., which is the satellite’s permanent orbital location. The satellite originally was licensed by the United Kingdom and had been authorized to serve the United States. *See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00687, File No. SAT-LOI-20091110-00119 (May 7, 2010) (Public Notice). EchoStar recently applied and was granted authority to license the satellite through the United States. *See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-00875, File No. SAT-LOA-20120424-00075 (June 15, 2012) (Public Notice).

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path.³ 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 EchoStar XVII 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 Kevin Bell.

In support of this extension request, Intelsat incorporates by reference the exhibits submitted with its original STA request, which include a waiver request, as well as 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.

In further support of this extension request, Intelsat notes that for purposes of the EchoStar XVII LEOP mission, it is seeking to operate in the frequencies listed above at the nominal power level of 88 dBW. As noted above, the transmissions proposed herein will be coordinated with potentially affected operators of co-frequency satellites. In the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference.

Grant of this STA extension request will enable Intelsat to help launch the EchoStar XVII satellite. This will serve the public interest by providing additional broadband service to consumers in the United States.

³ Space Systems Loral, the manufacturer of the EchoStar XVII satellite and the manager of its LEOP mission, will do the coordination.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan H. Crandall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Susan H. Crandall
Assistant General Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Paul Blais