

November 21, 2012

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



Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority  
Hagerstown, Maryland Earth Station E000296

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)<sup>1</sup> for 30 days, from December 19, 2012 through January 17, 2013, to use its Hagerstown, Maryland C-band earth station -- call sign E000296 -- to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the MexSat-3 satellite that is expected to be launched on December 19, 2012.<sup>2</sup> The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 10 days.<sup>3</sup>

The MexSat-3 LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands:

Uplink: 6703.0 MHz and 6706.0 MHz (CP); and  
Downlink: 3673.0 MHz and 3675.0 MHz (CP)

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 MexSat-3 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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”).

<sup>2</sup> It is Intelsat’s understanding that the satellite’s permanent orbital location will be 114.0° W.L. It will be in-orbit tested at 114.8° W.L.

<sup>3</sup> Intelsat is seeking authority through January 17, 2013 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 a waiver request, as well as 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. 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 MexSat-3 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 30.3 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 MexSat-3 satellite. This, in turn, will serve the public interest by ensuring that it can bring additional capacity to Mexico.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Intelsat Corporation

cc: Paul Blais