

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 C-band Earth Station KA264

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")<sup>1</sup> for 60 days, commencing upon grant, to utilize its Hagerstown, Maryland C-band earth station KA264 prior to grant of permanent operating authority. The antenna will communicate in the frequency bands 3700-4200 MHz and 5925-6425 MHz with the U.S.-licensed Galaxy 28 satellite at 89.0° W.L. Intelsat has a pending application for authority to use this antenna to communicate with U.S.-licensed satellites in these bands on a permanent basis.<sup>2</sup>

In support of this request, Intelsat incorporates by reference its pending application for authority to use this antenna to transmit to this satellite on a permanent basis.<sup>3</sup> The application contains detailed technical information (in Exhibits B-E) 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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Intelsat has a pending modification application to authorize its use of KA264 after the antenna's relocation from Clarksburg, Maryland to Hagerstown, Maryland. *See* Intelsat License LLC Request for Modification of KA264 License, File No. SES-MOD-20130117-00057 (filed Jan. 16, 2013). Although that application seeks authority for the earth station to operate in extended bands, Intelsat seeks in this STA request only to operate in the conventional C-band.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See id.

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Grant of this STA request will enable Intelsat to commence customer service using this earth station to communicate with the Galaxy 28 satellite, thereby serving the public interest. In addition, grant will provide the Commission with additional time in which to continue processing the permanent license modification application.

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