

April 23, 2013

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 Earth Station KA258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 30 days, from June 3, 2013 through July 2, 2013, to use its Hagerstown, Maryland Ku-band earth station -- call sign KA258 -- to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the SES-6 satellite that is expected to be launched on June 3, 2013.² The LEOP period is expected to last approximately ten days.³

The SES-6 LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands: 14000.0 MHz and 14499.0 MHz in the uplink (LHCP and RHCP), and 11701.0 MHz, 11700.5 MHz, and 12199.5 MHz in the downlink (LHCP and RHCP). 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 SES-6 LEOP mission is as follows:

Ph.: (202) 944-7701 – East Coast Operations Center (primary)
(310) 525-5900 – West Coast Operations Center (back-up)

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 The permanent orbital location for SES-6, which is licensed by the Netherlands, will be 40.5° W.L. The satellite’s operator is seeking to add the satellite to the Permitted List at that location. *See Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing*, Report No. SAT-00893, File No. SAT-PPL-20120717-00117 (Aug. 31, 2012). The in-orbit testing location will be 26.0° W.L.

³ Intelsat is seeking authority commencing through July 2, 2013 to accommodate possible launch delays.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
April 23, 2013
Page 2

Request to speak with Harry Burnham or Kevin Bell.

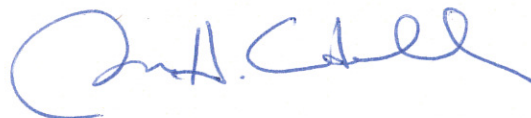
In addition, Intelsat attaches Exhibit A, which contains a waiver request. In the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur due to transmissions to or from its earth station, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference. Intelsat also notes that for purposes of the SES-6 LEOP mission, it is seeking to operate in the frequencies listed in the request at power levels not to exceed 25.5 dBW.

Finally, Intelsat clarifies that during the SES-6 launch, the spacecraft will be controlled by EADS Astrium, which is the manager of the LEOP mission. EADS Astrium will build and send the commands to the Intelsat antenna, which will process and execute the commands. Telemetry received by Intelsat will be forwarded to EADS Astrium. Intelsat will remain in control of the baseband unit, RF equipment and antenna.

Grant of this STA request will allow Intelsat to help launch the SES-6 satellite. This, in turn, will help ensure continuity of service at the 40.5° W.L. orbital location and thereby promotes the public interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Susan H. Crandall
Assistant General Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Paul Blais