

May 12, 2014

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, commencing June 10, 2014, to use its Hagerstown, Maryland C-band earth station -- call sign E000296 -- to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the AsiaSat-8 satellite that is expected to be launched on June 10, 2014.<sup>2</sup> The LEOP period is expected to last approximately ten days.<sup>3</sup>

The AsiaSat-8 LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands: 6425.00 MHz and 6429.50 MHz in the uplink (RHCP), and 4198.7 MHz and 4199.4 MHz in the downlink (LHCP). 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 AsiaSat-8 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> The permanent orbital location for AsiaSat-8, which Intelsat understands is licensed by China, will be 105.3° E.L. The in-orbit testing location will be 105.3° E.L.

<sup>3</sup> Intelsat is seeking authority for 30 days to accommodate possible launch delays.

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In further support of this request, Intelsat is attaching Exhibits A and B, which contain 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, as well as a waiver request. Intelsat also notes that for purposes of the AsiaSat-8 LEOP mission, it is seeking to operate in the frequencies listed in this request at power levels not to exceed 25.5 dBW. The technical information submitted with this STA request reflects a power level as high as 28.8 dBW because that is the level at which Intelsat might operate extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur due to transmission to or from its earth station, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference.

Finally, Intelsat clarifies that during the AsiaSat-8 launch, the spacecraft will be controlled by Space Systems/Loral, which is the manager of the LEOP mission. Space Systems/Loral 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 Space Systems/Loral. 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 AsiaSat-8 satellite. This, in turn, will help ensure continuity of service at the 105.3° E.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,



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Intelsat Corporation

cc: Paul Blais