

APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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"180 days"

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
Request for 180-Day Special Temporary Authority Using Riverside, California Earth Station E040125

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'with conditions'

180 days

File # SES-STA-20150316-00162



Call Sign E040125 Grant Date 05/20/2015
(or other identifier)

Term Dates From 06/11/2015 To: 11/27/2015

Approved: [Signature]

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From 06/11/2015 To: 11/29/2015
Approved: Paul E. [Signature]

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") is granted STA, beginning June 11, 2015 for 180 days to operate its fixed earth station E040125 at Nuevo, CA, to provide launch and early orbit phase (LEOP) services for ABS-3A satellite at permanent orbital location 3° W.L., licensed by the Papua New Guinea administration. The in-orbit testing location will be 3° W.L.

1. Uplink (Earth-to-space) frequencies will be on 6420.0 MHz and 6425.0 MHz (LHCP) within the coordinated emission and power limits.
2. Downlink (space-to-Earth) frequencies will be on 4194.5 MHz and 4197.0 MHz (LHCP).
3. The LEOP operations must 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. Currently the 24x7 contact information for the ABS-3A satellite LEOP mission is as follows: Ph: (703) 559-7701- East Coast Operations Center (primary); (310) 525-5591-West Coast Operations Center (back-up). Request to speak with Harry Burnham or Kevin Bell.
4. Grant of this STA is without prejudice to any determination that the Commission may make regarding pending or future Intelsat License LLC applications.
5. All operations under this grant of STA shall be on an unprotected and non-harmful interference basis. Intelsat's E040125 shall not cause harmful interference to, and shall not claim protection from interference caused to it by, any other lawfully operating radio communication system.
6. In the event of any harmful interference as a result of operations under this grant of STA, Intelsat shall cease operations immediately upon notification of such interference and shall immediately inform the Commission, in writing, of such an event.
7. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this STA is solely at Intelsat License LLC's risk.

This grant is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective upon release.



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March 13, 2015

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

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
Riverside, California Earth Station E040125

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 180 days, commencing upon grant, to use its Riverside, California C-band earth station—call sign E040125—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the ABS-3A satellite. The ABS-3A satellite was successfully launched on March 1, 2015.² The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 240 days.³

The ABS-3A LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands: 6420.00 MHz and 6425.0 MHz in the uplink (LHCP), and 4194.5 MHz and 4197.0 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.⁴ 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 ABS-3A LEOP mission is as follows:

Ph.: (703) 559-7701 – East Coast Operations Center (primary)
(310) 525-5591 – West Coast Operations Center (back-up)

Request to speak with Harry Burnham or Kevin Bell.

In further support of this request, Intelsat hereby attaches Exhibits A and B, which contain technical information that demonstrates that the operation of the earth station will be compatible with its

¹ Intelsat has filed its STA request, an FCC Form 159, a \$195.00 filing fee, and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System (“IBFS”).

² The permanent orbital location for ABS-3A, which Intelsat understands is licensed by Papua New Guinea, will be at 3° W.L. The in-orbit testing location will be 3° W.L.

³ Intelsat is seeking authority for 180 days to accommodate the longer orbit-raising time period required for an electric propulsion satellite.

⁴ Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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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 ABS-3A LEOP mission, it is seeking to operate in the frequencies listed in the 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 34.0 dBW because Intelsat might operate at this level in the event an emergency necessitates the use of a higher power level in order to command the satellite. 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.

Finally, Intelsat clarifies that during the ABS-3A LEOP mission, Boeing will serve as the mission manager. Boeing 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 Boeing. Intelsat will perform the ranging sessions by sending a tone to the spacecraft periodically. 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 ABS-3A satellite. This, in turn, will result in the provision of VSAT, TV distribution, IP trunking, cellular backhaul, and maritime services from the 3° W.L. orbital location and thereby promotes the public interest.

Please direct any questions regarding this STA request to the undersigned at (703) 559-6949.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia J. Grady
Regulatory Counsel
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cc: Paul Blais

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(If your application is related to an application filed with the Commission, enter either the file number or the IB Submission ID of the related application. Please enter only one.)	
3. Reference File Number or Submission ID	
4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).	
<input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee <input type="radio"/> Other (please explain):	
4b. Fee Classification CGX – Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station	
5. Type Request	
<input type="radio"/> Use Prior to Grant <input type="radio"/> Change Station Location <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other	
6. Requested Use Prior Date	
7. City/Nuevo	
8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 33 47 43.6 N	

9. State CA	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.h) 117 5 20.4 W
11. Please supply any need attachments. Attachment 1: STA Request	Attachment 2: Exhibit A Attachment 3: Exhibit B
12. Description. (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)	<p>Intelsat License LLC herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority for 180 days, commencing upon grant, to use its Riverside, California C-band earth station, call sign E040125, to provide launch and early orbit phase services for the ABS-3A satellite. ABS-3A was successfully launched on March 1, 2015.</p>
13. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application" for these purposes.	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>
14. Name of Person Signing Cynthia J. Grady	15. Title of Person Signing Regulatory Counsel, Intelsat Corporation
<p>WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND / OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001), AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION AUTHORIZATION (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).</p>	

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