

August 14, 2015

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

Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority  
Fillmore, California Earth Station E4132

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests an additional 30 days—from August 24, 2015 through September 22, 2015—of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)<sup>1</sup> previously granted Intelsat to use its Fillmore, California C-band earth station—call sign E4132—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the GSAT-6 satellite that, due to an unexpected launch delay, is now scheduled to be launched on August 27, 2015.<sup>2</sup> The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 10 days.<sup>3</sup>

The GSAT-6 LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands: 6415.00 MHz and 6423.496 MHz in the uplink (RHCP), and 4194.0 MHz and 4197.504 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.<sup>4</sup> 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 GSAT-6 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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”).

<sup>2</sup> See *Satellite Communications Services Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SES-01768, File No. SES-STA-20150612-00362 (July 22, 2015) (Public Notice). The permanent orbital location and the in-orbit testing location for GSAT-6, which Intelsat understands is licensed by India, will be at 83.0° E.L.

<sup>3</sup> Intelsat is seeking authority for 30 days to accommodate any further launch delay.

<sup>4</sup> Indian Space Research Organisation (“ISRO”), the manager of the GSAT-6 LEOP mission, will handle the coordination.

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In further support of this extension request, Intelsat incorporates by reference Exhibits A and B of the original STA request, 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 GSAT-6 LEOP mission, it is seeking to operate in the frequencies listed in the request at power levels not to exceed 28.4 dBW. The technical information submitted with the original STA request reflects a power level as high as 34.7 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 GSAT-6 LEOP mission, ISRO will serve as the mission manager. ISRO 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 ISRO. 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 extension request will allow Intelsat to help launch the GSAT-6 satellite. This, in turn, will help ensure continuity of service at the 83.0° E.L. orbital location and thereby promotes the public interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Paul Blais