

December 30, 2015

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 30 days, commencing January 27, 2016, to use its Fillmore, California C-band earth station—call sign E4132—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for Intelsat 29e; telemetry, tracking, and command (“TT&C”) during in-orbit testing (“IOT”) at 49.7° W.L; and TT&C during the drift of Intelsat 29e to its final location of 50.0° W.L.² Intelsat 29e is expected to be launched on January 27, 2016. The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 18 days; IOT and drift are expected to last approximately 45 days and 5 days, respectively.

The proposed operations will be performed using the following frequencies: 3701.25 MHz, 3701.75 MHz, 3702.25 MHz, and 3702.75 MHz in the uplink (LHCP, V); and 5850.5 MHz, 5853.0 MHz, 6422.0 MHz, and 6424.5 MHz in the downlink (LHCP, V). The proposed operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path, the drift path, or are potentially affected by these operations at the IOT location.³ All operators of potentially affected satellites 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 Intelsat 29e 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.

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 See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01086, File No. SAT-LOA-20130722-0097 (May 22, 2015) (Public Notice).

³ Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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In further support of this request, Intelsat hereby attaches Exhibit A, which contains 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. Intelsat also notes that for purposes of the Intelsat 29e LEOP mission, IOT, and drift, it is seeking to operate in the frequencies listed in the request at power levels not to exceed 34.0 dBW. 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.

Grant of this STA request will allow Intelsat to help launch and test the Intelsat 29e satellite. This, in turn, will help ensure continuity of service at the 50.0° 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,



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cc: Paul Blais