

January 13, 2016

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
EXPEDITED TREATMENT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 30 days, commencing January 20, 2016, to use its Riverside, California C-band earth station—call sign E040125—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (“IRNSS”) 1E satellite. IRNSS-1E is expected to be launched on January 20, 2016.² The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 10 days.³

The IRNSS-1E LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands: 5850.982 MHz and 5855.008 MHz in the uplink (CP), and 4199.1456 MHz and 4199.328 MHz in the downlink (CP). 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 IRNSS-1E 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.

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 IRNSS-1E, which Intelsat understands is licensed by India, will be at 111.75° E.L. The in-orbit testing location will be 111.75° E.L.

³ Intelsat is seeking authority for 30 days to accommodate a possible launch delay.

⁴ Indian Space Research Organization, the manager of the IRNSS-1E LEOP mission, will handle the coordination.

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In further support of this request, Intelsat hereby attaches, as Exhibit A, a waiver request. Intelsat also notes that for purposes of the IRNSS-1E LEOP mission, it is seeking to operate in the requested frequencies at power levels not to exceed 30.0 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.

Finally, Intelsat clarifies that during the IRNSS-1E launch, the Indian Space Research Organization ("ISRO") will control the spacecraft. 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 remain in control of the baseband unit, RF equipment, and antenna.

Grant of this STA request will allow Intelsat to help launch the IRNSS-1E satellite. This, in turn, will help provide navigation services to India and neighboring areas from the 111.75° E.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