

APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
Request for Special Temporary Authority Using Castle Rock, CO Earth Station E030096

1. Applicant

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Attention:	Susan H. Crandall		

30 days

"With conditions"



File # SE5-STA-20160503-00389
Call Sign E030096 Grant Date 06/06/2016
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Term Dates
From 06/06/2016 To: 07/06/2016
Approved: [Signature]

Applicant: Intelsat License LLC
Call Sign: E030096
File No.: SES-STA-20160503-00389
Special Temporary Authority (STA)

Intelsat License LLC is granted STA, for 30 days, beginning June 6, 2016, to operate its fixed earth station in Castle Rock, Colorado to provide telemetry, tracking, and command ("TT&C") functions to U.S. licensed Intelsat 31 during in-orbit testing ("IOT") at 132° W.L. and during drift of satellite to its final location of 95.05°. The TT&C operations during IOT will be under the following conditions:

1. Intelsat will perform the operations in the uplink frequencies (Earth-to-space): 13998.50 MHz and 14006.0 MHz (LHCP, H) and the downlink frequencies (space-to-Earth): 11194.25 MHz, 11195.50 MHz, 11196.25 MHz and 11196.75 MHz (RHCP, V). The maximum EIRP shall not exceed 85 dBW per NTIA manual US 356.
2. Intelsat will coordinate the proposed IOT operations at IOT location 132° W.L. with operators of co-frequency satellites within six degrees. During the drift from 132° W.L. to the satellite's permanent orbital location 95.05° W.L., Intelsat will coordinate with operators of co-frequency satellites in the drift path.
3. Currently the 24x7 contact information for the Intelsat 31 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. Operations, shall not cause harmful interference to, and shall not claim protection from, interference caused to it by any other lawfully operating station and it shall cease transmission(s) immediately upon notice of such interference.
5. In the event of any harmful interference under this grant of STA, Intelsat License LLC E060384 must cease operations immediately upon notification of such interference, and must inform the Commission, in writing, immediately of such an event.
6. Grant of this authorization is without prejudice to any determination that the Commission may make regarding pending or future Intelsat License LLC applications.
7. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this STA is solely at Intelsat License LLC's risk.
8. This action is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. §0.261, and is effective immediately.



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Approved: Paul E. Adams

2. Contact			
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Attention:		Relationship:	Legal Counsel
(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?			
☒ If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).			
☐ Governmental Entity ☐ Noncommercial educational licensee			
☐ Other (please explain):			
4b. Fee Classification CGX – Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station			
5. Type Request			
☐ Use Prior to Grant ☐ Change Station Location ☒ Other			
6. Requested Use Prior Date			
7. City Castle Rock			
8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 39 16 37.0 N			

9. State	CO	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h)	104 48 24.0 W
11. Please supply any need attachments.		Attachment 1: STA Request	Attachment 2: Exhibit A
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.)		Attachment 3:	
Intelsat License LLC herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority for 30 days, commencing June 6, 2016, to use its Castle Rock, Colorado Ku-band earth station, call sign E030096, to provide telemetry, tracking, and command services to Intelsat 31 during in-orbit testing at 132.0 W.L; and during the drift of Intelsat 31 to and at its final			
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. Yes ☒ No ☐			
14. Name of Person Signing	15. Title of Person Signing		
Cynthia J. Grady	Regulatory General Counsel, Intelsat Corporation		
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12. Description

Intelsat License LLC herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority for 30 days, commencing June 6, 2016, to use its Castle Rock, Colorado Ku-band earth station, call sign E030096, to provide telemetry, tracking, and command services to Intelsat 31 during in-orbit testing at 132.0 W.L; and during the drift of Intelsat 31 to and at its final location of 95.05 W. L. Intelsat 31 is expected to be launched on May 28, 2016.

May 3, 2016

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

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
Castle Rock, Colorado Earth Station E030096

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 30 days, commencing June 6, 2016, to use its Castle Rock, Colorado Ku-band earth station—call sign E030096—to provide telemetry, tracking, and command ("TT&C") services to Intelsat 31 during in-orbit testing ("IOT") at 132.0° W.L.; and during the drift of Intelsat 31 to and at its final location of 95.05° W.L.² Intelsat 31 is expected to be launched on May 28, 2016. The IOT and drift are expected to last approximately three and two weeks, respectively.³

The proposed operations will be performed using the following frequencies: 13998.50 MHz and 14006.00 MHz in the uplink (LHCP, H); and 11194.25 MHz, 11195.50 MHz, 11196.25 MHz, and 11196.75 MHz in the downlink (RHCP, V). The proposed operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the drift path or are potentially affected by these operations at the IOT location.⁴ The proposed TT&C operations at 95.05° W.L. will be consistent with Intelsat's coordination agreements for the nominal 95° W.L. location. 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 31 mission is as follows:

Ph.: (703) 559-7701 – East Coast Operations Center (primary)

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-01052, File No. SAT-LOA-20140410-00038 (November 7, 2014) (Public Notice). At 95.05° W.L., Intelsat 31 will be co-located with Intelsat 30 (S2887) and Galaxy 3C (S2381).

³ Intelsat has a pending license modification application for E030096 to add Intelsat 31 as a point of communications at 95.05° W.L. See *Intelsat License Modification to License for Castle Rock, Colorado Earth Station, Call Sign E030096*, File No. SES-MFS-20160408-00326 (filed Apr. 8, 2016).

⁴ Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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(310) 525-5591 – West Coast Operations Center (back-up)

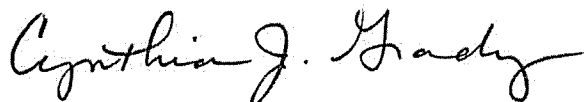
Request to speak with Harry Burnham or Kevin Bell.

In further support of this request, Intelsat hereby attaches 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, or into Federal systems operating in the 13.75 -14.00 GHz band. 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 test, drift, and safely station-keep the Intelsat 31 satellite. This, in turn, will help ensure continuity of service at the 95.05° 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia J. Grady".

Cynthia J. Grady
Regulatory Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Paul Blais

Exhibit A
Intelsat License LLC
Castle Rock, Colorado
Vertex 11.0 Meter Earth Station
Call Sign: E030096

Compliance with FCC Report & Order (FCC96-377) for the 13.75 - 14.0 GHz Band
Analysis and Calculations

1. Background

This Exhibit is presented to demonstrate the extent to which the Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") satellite earth station in Castle Rock, Colorado is in compliance with Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Report and Order 96-377. The potential interference from the earth station to U.S. Navy shipboard radiolocation operations ("RADAR") and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") space research activities in the 13.75 - 14.0 GHz band is addressed in this exhibit. The parameters for the earth station are:

Table 1. Earth Station Characteristics

- Coordinates (NAD83): 104° 48' 24.0" W, 39° 16' 37.0" N
- Satellite Location for Earth Station: IS-31 at 177° W to 33° W
- Frequency Band: 13.75-14.0 GHz for uplink
- Polarizations: Linear & Circular
- Emissions: 900KFXD
- Modulation: FM/PCM/PSK
- Maximum Aggregate Uplink EIRP: 88 dBW for all Carriers
- Transmit Antenna Characteristics
 - Antenna Size: 11.0 meter in Diameter
 - Antenna Type/Model: Vertex/ 11KPK
 - Gain: 62.5 dBi
- RF power into Antenna Flange: 25.5 dBW (Maximum)

- Minimum Elevation Angle: 5.03° @ 258.51° Az
5.32° @ 101.75° Az
- Side Lobe Antenna Gain: $29 - 25 \cdot \log(\theta)$

Because the above uplink spectrum is shared with the Federal Government, coordination in this band requires resolution data pertaining to potential interference between the earth stations and both U.S. Navy Department and NASA systems. Potential interference from the earth station could impact the U.S. Navy and/or NASA systems in two areas. These areas are noted in FCC Report and Order 96-377 dated September 1996, and consist of (1) Radiolocation and radio navigation, (2) Data Relay Satellites.

Summary of Coordination Issues:

- 1) Potential Impact to Government Radiolocation (Shipboard Radar)
- 2) Potential Impact to NASA Tracking and Data Relay Satellite Systems ("TDRSS")

2. Potential Impact to Government Radiolocation (Shipboard Radar)

Radiolocation operations ("RADAR") may occur anywhere in the 13.4 - 14 GHz frequency band aboard ocean going U.S. Navy ships. FCC order 96-377 allocates the top 250 MHz of this 600 MHz band to the Fixed Satellite Service ("FSS") on a co-primary basis with the radiolocation operations and provides for an interference protection level of $-167 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$.

The closest distance to the shoreline from the Castle Rock earth station is approximately 1150 km southwest toward the Pacific Ocean.

Therefore, there should be no interference to the U.S. Navy RADAR from the Castle Rock, Colorado due to distance and terrain blockage between the site and the shore.

3. Potential Impact to NASA's Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System

The geographic location of the Intelsat earth station in Castle Rock, Colorado is outside the 390 km radius coordination contour surrounding NASA's White Sands, New Mexico ground station complex. Therefore, the TDRSS space-to-earth link will not be impacted by the Intelsat earth station in Castle Rock, Colorado.

The TDRSS space-to-space link in the 13.772 to 13.778 GHz band is assumed to be protected if an earth station produces an EIRP less than 71 dBW/6 MHz in this band. The 11.0 meter earth station antenna will not transmit commanding in this band. Therefore, there will be no potential interference to the TDRSS space-to-space link.

4. Coordination Result Summary and Conclusions

The results of the analysis and calculations performed in this exhibit indicate that compatible operation between the earth station at the Castle Rock, Colorado facility and the U.S. Navy and NASA TDRSS space-to-earth and space-to-space links are possible. No interference to U.S. Navy RADAR or NASA TDRSS operations from the Castle Rock, Colorado site earth station will occur.