

December 15, 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 thirty days, beginning January 1, 2017, of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ to use its Castle Rock, Colorado Ku-band earth station—call sign E030096—to provide telemetry, tracking, and command (“TT&C”) services for Intelsat 1R (S2368) during its drift from 50.1° W.L. to 169.2° E.L. Subject to receipt of FCC approval, Intelsat 1R is expected to begin drifting January 1, 2017 and the drift will take approximately four months.²

TT&C operations will be performed in the following frequencies: 13995 MHz and 14498.5 MHz (Earth-to-space); and 11696 MHz and 11697 MHz (space-to-Earth). The drift operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the drift path.³ 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 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 incorporates by reference 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.

¹ Intelsat has filed its STA request, an FCC Form 159, a \$200.00 filing fee, and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System (“IBFS”).

² See *Intelsat License LLC, Request for Special Temporary Authority to Drift and Operate Intelsat 1R at 169.2° E.L.*; Call Sign S2368, File No. SAT-STA-20161018-00099 (filed Oct. 18, 2016).

³ Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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Grant of this STA request will allow Intelsat to drift the Intelsat 1R satellite to its new location. This, in turn, will help Intelsat meet a potential service demand at 169.2° 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,

/s/ Cynthia J. Grady

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