

January 20, 2017

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

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
13.1 m Hagerstown, Maryland Earth Station

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 30 days, commencing February 14, 2017, to use a 13.1m Hagerstown, Maryland Ku-band earth station to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for SKY-B1; telemetry, tracking, and command (“TT&C”) during in-orbit testing (“IOT”) at 33.0° W.L.; TT&C during the drift of SKY-B1 to its final location of 43.1° W.L.; and TT&C on-station at 43.1° W.L. SKY-B1, a U.S. licensed satellite,² is expected to be launched on February 14, 2017. The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 10 days; IOT and drift are expected to last approximately 30 days and 15 days, respectively.

The proposed operations will be performed using the following frequencies: 13249.5 MHz (V & CP) and 14498.00 MHz (H & CP) in the uplink; and 11443 MHz (V & CP), 11443.5 MHz (V & CP), 11444.5 MHz (H & CP), 11446.5 MHz (V & CP), and 11447 MHz (V & CP) in the downlink. 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 SKY-B1 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 \$200.00 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-01158, File No. SAT-RPL-20140221-00026 (May 13, 2016) (Public Notice).

³ Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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In further support of this request, Intelsat hereby attaches Exhibits A and B, 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, and a radiation hazard report. 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 SKY-B1 satellite. This, in turn, will help support expansion of DTH services from the 43.1° 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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