

January 25, 2017

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

Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
Ellenwood, Georgia Earth Station E940532

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests an additional 30 days of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ previously granted Intelsat to use its Ellenwood, Georgia Ku-band earth station—call sign E940532—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.² Intelsat 1R began drifting on January 4, 2017 and the drift will take approximately four months.³

TT&C operations will continue to 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 continue to be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the drift 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 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

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 *Satellite Communications Services information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SES-01918, File No. SES-STA-20161215-00954 (Jan. 4, 2017) (Public Notice).

³ See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01208, File No. SAT-STA-20161018-00099 (Dec. 23, 2016) (Public Notice).

⁴ Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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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 extension request will allow Intelsat to continue drifting 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,



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cc: Paul Blais