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Intelsat License LLC


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APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

APPLICANT INFORMATION Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
Request for Extension of STA Using Hagerstown, Maryland Earth Station KA258 for EchoStar-23 LEOP Services

1. Applicant

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Call Sign KA258 **Grant Date** 3-3-17
(or other identifier)
Term Dates **From:** 3-3-17 **To:** 4-26-17
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Applicant: Intelsat License LLC
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Special Temporary Authority (STA)

Intelsat License LLC- Inc. is granted a special temporary authority (STA) for an additional 30 days, to use its Hagerstown, MD, Ku-band earth station (Call sign KA258) to provide launch and early orbit phase ("LEOP") services for the EchoStar-23 satellite at the 45.1° W.L. orbital location at frequency bands 17300.0 MHz – 17310.0 MHz, center frequencies 17305.0 MHz and 17791.0 MHz (RHCP or LHCP) (Earth-to-space) and 12100.0 MHz – 12200.0 MHz, 12207.0 MHz and 12208.0 MHz (LHCP) (space-to-Earth) under the following conditions:

1. Operations will not exceed the operational power levels and parameters requested and coordinated.
2. The LEOP operations must be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path. 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. Currently the 24X7 contact information for the EchoStar-21 satellite LEOP mission is as follows: Ph.:(703) 559-7701 –East Coast operations Center (primary); (310) 525-5591 –West Coast Operations Center (back-up). Requests to speak with Harry Burnham or Kevin Bell.
3. 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 and notify the FCC in writing.
4. Transmitter(s) must be turned off during antenna maintenance to ensure compliance with the FCC-specified safety guidelines for human exposure to radiofrequency radiation in the region between the antenna feed and the reflector. Appropriate measure must also be taken to restrict access to other regions in which the earth station's power flux density levels exceed the specified guidelines.
5. Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this STA is solely at Intelsat Inc's risk.
6. Continued operations of this earth station with EchoStar-23 at 45.1° W.L. orbital location during this extension was authorized pursuant to Section 1.62 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.62.

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 upon release.



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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?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).	
<input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee	
<input type="radio"/> Other (please explain):	
4b. Fee Classification CGX - Fixed Satellite Transmit/Receive Earth Station	
5. Type Request	
<input type="radio"/> Use Prior to Grant <input type="radio"/> Change Station Location <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other	
6. Requested Use Prior Date	
7. City Hagerstown	8. Latitude (dd mm ss.s h) 39 35 54.0 N

9. State MD	10. Longitude (dd mm ss.s h) 77 45 33.0 W
11. Please supply any need attachments. Attachment 1: STA Request Attachment 2: Attachment 3:	
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.) Intelsat License LLC herein requests an additional 30 days of Special Temporary Authority previously granted Intelsat to use its Hagerstown, Maryland Ku-band earth station, call sign KA258, to provide launch and early orbit phase services for the EchoStar-23 satellite. EchoStar-23 is currently expected to be launched on February 28, 2017.	
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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
14. Name of Person Signing Cynthia J. Grady	15. Title of Person Signing Regulatory Counsel, Intelsat Corporation
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February 1, 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
Hagerstown, Maryland Earth Station KA258

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 Hagerstown, Maryland Ku-band earth station—call sign KA258—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the EchoStar-23 satellite.² EchoStar-23 is currently expected to be launched on February 28, 2017.³ Intelsat expects the LEOP period to last approximately ten days.⁴

The EchoStar-23 LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequency bands⁵ and at the following frequencies: 17300.0 MHz – 17310.0 MHz, 17305.0 MHz, and 17791.0 MHz in the uplink (RHCP or LHCP); and 12200.0 MHz – 12100.0 MHz, 12207.0 MHz, and 12208.0 MHz in the downlink (LHCP). The LEOP operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path.⁶ 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 EchoStar-23 LEOP mission is as follows:

Ph.: (703) 559-7701 – East Coast Operations Center (primary)
(310) 525-5591 – West Coast Operations Center (back-up)

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-20161207-00937 (Jan. 4, 2017) (Public Notice).

³ The in-orbit testing location for EchoStar-23, which Intelsat understands is licensed by Brazil, will be at 67.1° W.L. The final location of EchoStar-23 will be at 45.1° W.L.

⁴ Intelsat is seeking an additional 30 days to accommodate any further launch delays.

⁵ The frequencies used within these ranges are tunable in 0.5 MHz steps.

⁶ SSL, the manager of the EchoStar-23 LEOP mission, will handle the coordination.

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Request to speak with Harry Burnham or Kevin Bell.

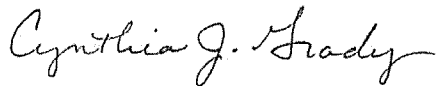
In further support of this request, Intelsat incorporates by reference Exhibits A and B, which contain technical information that demonstrates that the operation of the earth station will be compatible with its electromagnetic environment and will not cause harmful interference into any lawfully operating terrestrial facility and a waiver request. 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 EchoStar-23 LEOP mission, SSL will serve as the mission manager. SSL 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 SSL. Intelsat will perform the ranging sessions by sending a tone to the spacecraft periodically. Intelsat will remain in control of the baseband unit, RF equipment, and antenna.

Grant of this STA extension request will allow Intelsat to help launch the EchoStar-23 satellite. This, in turn, will help provide additional capacity from the 45.1° 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,



Cynthia J. Grady
Regulatory Counsel
Intelsat Corporation

cc: Paul Blais