

June 13, 2017

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

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority  
Hagerstown, Maryland Earth Station E000296

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)<sup>1</sup> for 30 days, commencing July 16, 2017, to use its Hagerstown, Maryland C-band earth station—call sign E000296—to provide in-orbit testing (“IOT”) services to Intelsat 35e at 33.0° W.L.<sup>2</sup> Intelsat 35e is expected to be launched on June 26, 2017. The IOT is expected to last approximately 45 days.

The proposed operations will be performed using the following frequencies: 5925-5929 MHz, 6080-6107 MHz, 6169-6181 MHz, 6199-6210 MHz, 6258-6299 MHz, 6332-6359 MHz, and 6392-6425 MHz. The proposed operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that are potentially affected by these operations at the IOT location.<sup>3</sup> 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 35e 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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”).

<sup>2</sup> See Policy Branch Information; Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing, Report No. SAT-01223, File No. SAT-STA-20170314-00050 (Mar. 14, 2017) (Public Notice). The permanent orbital location for Intelsat 35e will be at 34.5° W.L. See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01191, SAT-LOA-20160408-00034 (Oct. 7, 2016) (Public Notice).

<sup>3</sup> Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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In further support of this request, Intelsat herewith 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. 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 in-orbit test the Intelsat 35e satellite. This, in turn, will help provide additional capacity to customers at the 34.5° 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,

*/s/ Cynthia J. Grady*

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