

June 26, 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
Castle Rock, Colorado Earth Station KL92

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 Castle Rock, Colorado Ku-band earth station—call sign KL92—to provide telemetry, tracking, and command (“TT&C”) services for Intelsat 9 (S2380) during its drift from 43.1° W.L. to 29.5° W.L.² Intelsat 9 began drifting June 1, 2017, and the drift will take approximately two months.³

TT&C operations will continue to be performed at the following frequencies: 14000.5 MHz and 14494.5 MHz (Earth-to-space); and 11700.5 MHz and 11702.0 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 the unlikely event that harmful interference occurs, Intelsat will take all necessary 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 *Satellite Communications Services Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SES-01961, File No. SES-STA-20170508-00541 (May 31, 2017) (Public Notice).

³ See *Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01236, File No. SAT-MOD-20161110-00105 (May 5, 2017) (Public Notice).

⁴ Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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Grant of this STA extension request will allow Intelsat to continue drifting the Intelsat 9 satellite to 29.5° W.L. to provide additional capacity at that orbital location and thereby promotes the public interest.

Please direct any questions regarding this STA extension request to the undersigned at (703) 559-6949.

Respectfully submitted,

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