

February 28, 2018

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 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”)¹ for 30 days, commencing April 5, 2018, to use its Hagerstown, Maryland C-band earth station—call sign E000296—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the Bangabandhu-1 (“BS-1”) satellite. BS-1 is expected to launch on April 5, 2018.² Intelsat expects the LEOP period to last approximately 30 days.

The BS-1 LEOP operations will be performed at the following center frequencies: 5850.0 MHz and 6425.0 MHz (LHCP) in the uplink, and 3703.0 MHz and 4199.8 MHz (CP) in the downlink. The LEOP operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path.³ 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 BS-1 LEOP 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.

In further support of this request, Intelsat herewith attaches Exhibits A and B, which contain a coordination report and waiver requests. 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.

¹ Intelsat has filed its STA request, FCC Form 159, a \$200.00 filing fee, and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System (“IBFS”).

² The in-orbit testing and final orbital location for BS-1, which Intelsat understands is licensed by Bangladesh, will be 119.1° E.L.

³ Thales Alenia Space, the manager of the BS-1 mission, will handle the coordination.

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Finally, Intelsat clarifies that during the BS-1 LEOP mission, Thales Alenia Space (“Thales”) will serve as the mission manager. Thales 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 Thales. 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 request will allow Intelsat to help launch the BS-1 satellite. This will help provide services at the 119.1° E.L. location and thereby promotes the public interest.

Please direct any questions regarding this STA request to the undersigned at (703) 559-7848.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Susan H. Crandall
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cc: Paul Blais