



INTELSAT.

Envision. Connect. Transform.

August 28, 2018

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”)¹ for 30 days, commencing September 18, 2018, to use its Hagerstown, Maryland C-band earth station—call sign E000296—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for Horizons 3e (S2947). Horizons 3e is expected to be launched on September 18, 2018.² The LEOP period is expected to last approximately 30 days.

The proposed operations will be performed using the following frequencies and frequency bands: 6421.5-6425.0 MHz, and 5850.0-5853.5 MHz in the uplink (LHCP/V); and 4197.75 MHz, 4198.25 MHz, 4198.75 MHz and 4199.25 MHz in the downlink (LHCP/V). 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 Horizons 3e 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.

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 The permanent orbital location for Horizons 3e will be at 169.0° E.L. *See Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SAT-01313, File No. SAT-MOD-20170622-00093 (April 27, 2018) (Public Notice). The in-orbit testing location will be 164.0° E.L.

³ IntelSat will handle the coordination.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

August 28, 2018

Page 2

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 help launch the Horizons 3e satellite. This, in turn, will help provide additional capacity to customers at the 169.0° 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,

/s/ Cynthia J. Grady

Cynthia J. Grady
Regulatory Counsel
Intelsat US LLC

cc: Paul Blais