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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
Fillmore, California Earth Station E4132

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 30 days, commencing December 14, 2018, to use its Fillmore, California C-band earth station—call sign E4132—to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the GSAT-7A satellite. GSAT-7A is expected to launch on December 14, 2018.² Intelsat expects the LEOP period to last approximately 10 days.

The GSAT-7A LEOP operations will be performed at the following frequencies: 6415.00 MHz and 6417.16 MHz (CP) in the uplink, and 4186.848 and 4189.344 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 GSAT-7A 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.

¹ Intelsat has filed its STA request, FCC Form 159, a \$210.00 filing fee, and this supporting letter electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System (“IBFS”).

² The in-orbit testing and final location for GSAT-7A, which Intelsat understands is licensed by India, will be 63.0° E.L.

³ Indian Space Research Organisation (“ISRO”), the manager of the GSAT-7A mission, will handle the coordination.

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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.

Finally, Intelsat clarifies that during the GSAT-7A LEOP mission, ISRO will serve as the mission manager. ISRO 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 ISRO. 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 GSAT-7A satellite. This will help provide services at the 63.0° E.L. location and thereby promotes the public interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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