

January 13, 2022

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
Riverside, California Earth Station E040125

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC, as debtor in possession (“Intelsat”), herein requests an additional 30 days of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ previously granted to Intelsat² to use its Riverside, California C-band earth station, Call Sign E040125, to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the Inmarsat-6 F1 satellite. Inmarsat-6 F1 was launched on December 21, 2021.³ Intelsat expects the LEOP period to last approximately two months.

The Inmarsat-6 F1 operations will continue to be performed at the following frequency bands: 5850-5930 MHz and 6420-6425 MHz (CP) in the uplink; and 4198.35 MHz, 4198.85 MHz, 4199.35 MHz, and 4199.85 MHz (CP) in the downlink. With the exception of the emission designators⁴ and use of the 5850-5930 MHz band, the operations are within the licensed parameters.⁵

The LEOP operations will continue to be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path.⁶ All operators of satellites in that path have been provided with an emergency phone number where the licensee can be reached in the event that harmful interference occurs.

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.

² See *Satellite Communications Services Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SES-02426, File No. SES-STA-20211124-01839 (Dec. 22, 2021) (Public Notice).

³ Intelsat understands that Inmarsat-6 F1 is licensed by the United Kingdom. The satellite’s final location will be 83.5° E.L.

⁴ The uplink and downlink emission designators are 1M00F7D and 500KG7D, respectively. The size of the uplink carrier is 1 MHz and the downlink carrier is 500 kHz.

⁵ See *Satellite Communications Services Information; Actions Taken*, Report No. SES-02165, File No. SES-RWL-20190320-00385 (May 22, 2019) (Public Notice).

⁶ Airbus, the manager of the Inmarsat-6 F1 mission, will handle the coordination.

The 24x7 contact information for the Inmarsat-6 F1 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 Kevin Bell.

In further support of this request, Intelsat incorporates by reference Exhibits A and B of its original request,⁷ which contain waiver requests and a coordination report. 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 Inmarsat-6 F1 LEOP mission, Airbus will serve as the mission manager. Airbus 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 Airbus. 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 extension request will allow Intelsat to help launch the Inmarsat-6 F1 satellite. This will help provide services at the 83.5° E.L. 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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⁷ See *supra*, n. 2.