

May 21, 2019

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 KA258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC (“Intelsat”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for 30 days, commencing July 10, 2019, to use its Hagerstown, Maryland Ku-band earth station (Call Sign KA258) to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the AMOS-17 satellite. AMOS-17 is expected to launch on July 10, 2019.² Intelsat expects the LEOP period to last approximately 6 days.³

The AMOS-17 operations will be performed at the following frequencies: 14497.5 MHz and 14499.5 MHz (RHCP) in the uplink; and 11449.0 MHz and 11699.5 MHz (LHCP) 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.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 for the AMOS-17 LEOP mission is as follows:

Ph.: (703) 559-7701 – East Coast Operations Center (primary)

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 location for AMOS-17, which Intelsat understands is licensed by Turkmenistan, will be 13.8° E.L. The satellite’s final location will be 17.0° E.L.

³ Intelsat is seeking authority for 30 days to accommodate a possible launch delay. Intelsat is also seeking STA to use E170122 to support the AMOS-17 LEOP mission.

⁴ Boeing, the manager of the AMOS-17 mission, will handle the coordination.

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(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 Exhibit A, which contains 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 AMOS-17 LEOP mission, Boeing will serve as the mission manager. Boeing 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 Boeing. 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 AMOS-17 satellite. This will help provide communication services to Africa at the 17.0° 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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