

November 24, 2021

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

## Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority Castle Rock, Colorado Earth Station KL92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat License LLC, as debtor in possession ("Intelsat"), herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA")<sup>1</sup> for 30 days, commencing January 4, 2022, to use its Castle Rock, Colorado Ku-band earth station, Call Sign KL92, to provide telemetry, tracking, and command ("TT&C") services for the Intelsat 5 (Call Sign S2704) satellite during its drift to 166° E.L.<sup>2</sup> Intelsat expects the drift to last approximately 45 days.

The Intelsat 5 TT&C operations will be performed at the following frequencies: 13999.0 MHz (RHCP) and 14498.0 MHz (H) in the uplink; and 11451.0 MHz (H/V/RHCP) and 11452.0 MHz (H/V/RHCP) in the downlink. With the exception of the emission designators,<sup>3</sup> the proposed operations are within the parameters of the license.<sup>4</sup>

The TT&C operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the drift path.<sup>5</sup> All operators of satellites in these paths will be provided with an emergency phone number where the licensee can be reached in the event that harmful interference occurs.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Intelsat 5 is currently licensed to operate at 137° W.L. See Satellite Policy Branch Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-01538, File No. SAT-MOD-20201222-00150 (Mar. 19, 2021) (Public Notice).

<sup>3</sup> The uplink and downlink emission designators are 1M00F2D and 500KG2D, respectively. The size of the uplink carrier is 1 MHz and the downlink carrier is 500 kHz.

<sup>4</sup> See Satellite Communications Services Information; Actions Taken, Report No. SES-02174, File No. SES-MOD-20180611-01388 (June 26, 2019) (Public Notice).

<sup>5</sup> Intelsat will handle the coordination.

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The 24x7 contact information for the Intelsat 5 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 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 drift the Intelsat 5 satellite to its new location. This, in turn, will help provide services at the 166° E.L. location and thereby promotes the public interest.

For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Federal Communications Commission grant this STA request. Please direct any questions regarding this STA request to the undersigned at (703) 559-6949.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Cynthia J. Grady</u> Cynthia J. Grady Assistant General Counsel, Intelsat US LLC on behalf of Intelsat License LLC

cc: Kerry Murray