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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110
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Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority for INTELSAT 605
Call Sign: S2394

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Intelsat LLC ("Intelsat") herein requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA")¹ for 60 days to immediately begin drifting INTELSAT 605 to 178.0° E.L. with a temporary stop at 77.0° W.L.² INTELSAT 605 currently is located at 32.9° E.L. On September 17, 2004, Intelsat filed a Fleet Management Notice to modify the license for INTELSAT 605 to allow for its redeployment to 178.0° E.L. following transfer of its traffic to INTELSAT 802.³ Since that filing, Intelsat has a commercial need temporarily to operate the satellite at 77.0° W.L.⁴ As further

¹ Intelsat has filed its STA request, this supporting letter, an FCC Form 159 and a \$735.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau's Filing System.

² Intelsat is separately filing an STA request to operate the INTELSAT 605 satellite temporarily at 77.0° W.L.

³ See *Fleet Management Notice of Intelsat LLC of Modification of Authorization for INTELSAT 605*, File No. SAT-MOD-20040917-00181 (filed Sept. 17, 2004); Public Notice, Satellite Policy Branch Information, Applications Accepted for Filing, Report No. SAT-00256 (Oct. 1, 2004) (accepting for filing Intelsat's fleet management notice and establishing an effective date of Oct. 18, 2004); Public Notice, Policy Branch Information, Actions Taken, Report No. SAT-00250 (Oct. 15, 2004) (notice of withdrawal of Sept. 17, 2004 fleet management request).

⁴ Intelsat still intends to relocate the satellite to 178.0° E.L. following its temporary operation at 77.0° W.L. At the request of the Commission staff, Intelsat has withdrawn the Fleet Management Notice and filed an Application to Modify Authorization for INTELSAT 605 asking again for authority to relocate the satellite to 178.0° E.L. See *Application of Intelsat LLC To Modify Authorization for INTELSAT 605*, File No. SAT-MOD-20041013-00199 (filed Oct. 13, 2004). That

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explained below, for satellite safety reasons and to conserve fuel, Intelsat wishes to begin drifting INTELSAT 605 as soon as possible. Accordingly, Intelsat requests expeditious grant of this request for drift-only authority.

Intelsat recently redeployed INTELSAT 802 to 32.9° E.L. and transferred the traffic from INTELSAT 605 to INTELSAT 802. Thus, the two satellites currently are co-located. Upon receipt of Commission approval, Intelsat intends to begin drifting INTELSAT 605 to 178.0° E.L. with a stop at 77.0° W.L. During the drift of the satellite, Intelsat will utilize only TT&C frequencies on the satellite. Those TT&C frequencies are as follows:

Uplink:	6175 MHz +/- 7 MHz
Downlink:	3947.5 or 3948 MHz +/- 0.04 MHz
	3952.5 or 3952 MHz +/- 0.04 MHz

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing INTELSAT 605's departure from 32.9° E.L. and ensuring the safety of the satellite. Moreover, allowing the satellite to immediately begin drifting allows Intelsat to conserve fuel on a satellite that is nearing the end of its useful life. In addition, grant of this STA request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference. As noted above, Intelsat will operate only TT&C frequencies during the drift. Should any interference occur during the drift, Intelsat will take all reasonable steps to eliminate such interference.

Application to Modify Authorization noted that that Intelsat was considering a possible stop of the INTELSAT 605 satellite en route to 178.0° E.L. and that, in the event Intelsat decides to do so, it would seek Commission authorization to stop the drift and operate the satellite at another location.

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For the reasons set forth herein, Intelsat respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously grant this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer D. Hindin

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