Comments on Intelsat's plan to repoint transponder on IS 707 or to switch to another satellite

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A repointing of the of the transponder would cause

EUR-EUR: 6-7 dB less Rx-power USA-EUR: 7 dB less Rx-power EUR-USA: 5 dB less Rx-power

Present receive parameter at PTB:



Test: Reduction of Tx-power (-5 dB) between CH and PTB:



C/NO < 50 dBHz

DRMS increased

PTB's HPA output power saturates when Tx-power is increased while the UC RF monitor remains linear.



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How much can the Tx-power be increased?

USA:	1	+3 dB
	1	+6 dB
EUR:	4	+0 dB
	2	+3 dB
	3	+6 dB
	2	+9 dB

A repointing of the transponders used on IS 707 would require hardware (HPA) changes at 7 partcipating stations.

Alternative: Satellite change

Intelsat proposes a two step change:

1st to	IS-3R	November 2007
2nd to	TS-11N	End of 2008

IS-3R is an "old" satellite TS-11N will be launched in early 2008

Transponder configurations will be the same at least on IS-3R.

Frequencies have not been assigned, yet.

No Information about the transponder delay stability are available.

Locations of the GEOs



Coverage Maps



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Open Questions

Available Frequencies?

List of possible frequency ranges from the participating stations

Calibration?

IS is willing to financially support our efforts for a recalibration of the links. IS requires a cost estimation.

Coordination with Galileo IOV phase?

Any satellite change should not be carried out during IOV phase. Open questions: When will TS-11N be launched? When will IOV start?