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Mr. Robert Nelson  
Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**Re: Request for Extension of Time to Resubmit Petition for Declaratory Ruling**  
**File Nos. SAT-PDR-20020425-00071; SAT-AMD-20051116-00219;**  
**SAT-AMD-20060120-00006, Call Sign S2619; DA 06-2438**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

SES Americom, Inc. ("SES Americom"), by its attorneys, respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time until January 29, 2007, to resubmit its above-referenced request for authority to serve the U.S. market using BSS spectrum from 105.5° W.L. (the "105.5 Petition"). Grant of the requested extension will allow SES Americom sufficient time to prepare technical materials in support of the 105.5 Petition and will not prejudice any other party.

SES Americom originally filed the 105.5 Petition in 2002 and subsequently amended it in 2005 to provide a showing relating to orbital debris mitigation and in 2006 to respond to a Commission request for additional information. On November 29, 2006, the 105.5 Petition was dismissed without prejudice to refiling because the International Bureau found it had a technical defect.<sup>1</sup> The dismissal letter stated that SES Americom could refile the 105.5 Petition to correct the defect, and waived the current DBS freeze for that purpose provided SES Americom resubmitted the petition within thirty days (*i.e.*, by December 29, 2006). *Id.* at p.3.

SES Americom intends to resubmit the 105.5 Petition, but requests that it be permitted additional time to prepare and file the required documents. Since the time the dismissal letter was received, the engineering and legal personnel who are responsible for preparing materials in support of the 105.5 Petition have been occupied with drafting and reviewing submissions in other pending Commission proceedings. Furthermore, these personnel have long-scheduled vacation plans between now and the end of the year. In addition, because of the upcoming holidays, SES

<sup>1</sup> See Letter of Robert G. Nelson to Nancy J. Eskenazi, DA 06-2438, dated Nov. 29, 2006.

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Americom personnel who will need to review the petition and supporting documentation prior to submission will also be unavailable over the next two weeks.

Accordingly, SES Americom requests that the Commission extend the date by which SES Americom may refile the 105.5 Petition pursuant to waiver of the DBS freeze from December 29, 2006, to January 29, 2007. This extension will allow SES Americom sufficient time to prepare and review the necessary materials in advance of filing. Furthermore, no other party will be adversely affected by grant of the requested extension.

Please address any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Karis A. Hastings

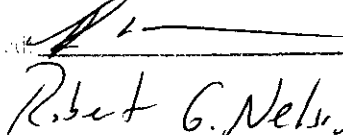
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Call Sign S2619 Grant Date 12/21/06  
(or other identifier)

Term Dates  
From \_\_\_\_\_ To January 29, 2007

Approved:  Chief  
Robert G. Nelson Satellite Division

\* extension of time to  
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authority only