

April 16, 2009

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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Commencement of Operation of NSS-9*
File Nos. SAT-PPL-20080811-00152, SAT-APL-20081212-00230;
Call Sign S2756

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of New Skies Satellites B.V. (“New Skies”), this is to inform you that the Netherlands-licensed NSS-9 satellite (call sign S2756) was successfully placed into orbit and subsequently began commercial operations on its authorized frequencies¹ at the 177° W.L. orbital location on March 31, 2009, following the successful transfer of traffic from NSS-5. As required under Condition 8 of New Skies’ NSS-9 Permitted List authorization,² NSS-9 began service prior to discontinuance of service by the NSS-5 satellite it is replacing.

¹ The Netherlands-licensed NSS-9 satellite has been granted U.S. market access using the conventional C-band frequencies. *See* Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-PPL-20080811-00152, SAT-APL-20081212-00230 (granted Feb. 10, 2009). In addition, the KA294 earth station has been authorized to transmit to the NSS-9 satellite using the extended C-band uplink frequencies under a Special Temporary Authority (“STA”). *See* SES-STA-20090317-00320 (granted Mar. 20, 2009). New Skies has also recently filed applications to modify and amend the frequency plan for certain transponders on the NSS-9 satellite. *See* File No. SAT-MPL-20090331-00040, SAT-AMD-20090331-00039 (filed Mar. 31, 2009). Pending grant of these applications, all U.S. communications with NSS-9 will be on the frequencies authorized under the NSS-9 Permitted List ruling and appropriate STAs.

² *See* Stamp Grant, IBFS File No. SAT-PPL-20080811-00152 (granted Feb. 10, 2009).

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If you have any questions, please direct them to me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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