

Public Interest Statement

This application seeks the Commission's consent to an assignment of the license for AMC-11 (Call Sign S2433), a satellite operating on conventional C-band frequencies in the Fixed Satellite Service, from the current licensee, SES Americom, Inc. ("SES"), to Telesat Canada ("Telesat").

Subject to Commission approval (see below), AMC-11 is intended to be moved from its current orbital position at 131° West Longitude ("W.L.") to 111.1° W.L., where it will be co-located with Telesat's Anik F2 satellite. Anik F2 is approaching the end of its station kept life, and Telesat is acquiring AMC-11 to continue serving the needs of its C-band customers for station kept service at 111.1° W.L.¹ The assignment of AMC-11's license will not be consummated until there has been a successful transition of AMC-11 from its current orbital position to 111.1° W.L., for which SES is requesting Special Temporary Authority to relocate the satellite and a license modification to reflect the change in the satellite's orbital position.² The satellite, once moved and assigned, will be referred to as Anik F4.

Telesat Canada is headquartered in Ottawa, Canada, and was established in 1969 with an initial mandate to provide satellite services to all parts of Canada. It launched the world's first domestic commercial geostationary satellite in 1972 and, since that time, has evolved into an international, diversified, and end-to-end satellite services company, with an unparalleled reputation for innovation, technical and operational expertise and customer service.

Telesat and its affiliates have been licensed and/or been granted market access by the Commission for the operation of multiple satellites and other facilities serving the United States.³ Their qualifications to hold Commission authorizations and to provide service to customers in the United States are a matter of public record.

¹ Telesat will continue to operate the Ku-band and Ka-band payloads on Anik F2.

² See SES Americom, Inc., Application to Modify Call sign S2433 (AMC-11) to Relocate from 131° W.L. to 111.1° W.L., IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20221108-00154 (filed Nov 8, 2022); see also SES Americom, Inc., Request for Special Temporary Authority to Modify Call sign S2433 (AMC-11) to Relocate from 131° W.L. to 111.1° W.L., IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20221108-00155 (filed Nov 8, 2022).

³ See, e.g., Skynet Satellite Corporation, Call sign S2933 at 15° W.L. (Telstar 12V) and Call sign S2357 at 37.5° W.L. (Telstar 11N); Telesat Canada/ Telesat Spectrum Corporation, Call sign S2472 at 111.1° W.L. (Anik F2); *Telesat Canada*, Grant of Petition for Declaratory Ruling (Anik F2), Call sign S2646, SAT-PPL-20041004-00194, DA 05-241 (Jan 19, 2005).