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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Commencement of Operations Date for AMC-4 (Call Sign S2135)
File Nos. SAT-MOD-20100623-00144 & SAT-LOA-19940310-00007**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SES Americom, Inc., (“SES Americom,” doing business as “SES WORLD SKIES”¹), by its attorneys, hereby supplements the record in the above-referenced proceedings concerning the AMC-4 spacecraft to provide information regarding the date AMC-4 commenced operations.

In its grant of the modification application referenced above, the Commission indicated that the expiration date for the AMC-4 license was November 13, 2014.² This date corresponds to fifteen years following the AMC-4 launch, which occurred on November 13, 1999. However, under the Commission’s rules, the fifteen-year period of a satellite license begins to run on the date that the satellite commences service, which is typically several weeks after its launch date.³

SES WORLD SKIES’ practice for each of its satellites is to file a letter notifying the Commission of the date operations commenced. We have been unable to locate a copy of such a letter regarding AMC-4 in our files, but our records reflect that AMC-4 commenced operations on December 22, 1999. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Commission correct paragraph 13 of the AMC-4 Modification to reflect a license expiration date of December 22, 2014 for AMC-4.

¹ SES WORLD SKIES is the commercial brand name for the integrated operations of two indirect subsidiaries of SES S.A.: SES Americom and New Skies Satellites B.V. (effective January 1, 2009). The brand name does not affect the underlying legal entities that hold Commission authorizations or U.S. market access rights.

² File No. SAT-MOD-20100623-00144, Call Sign S2135, grant-stamped Nov. 4, 2010 (the “AMC-4 Modification”), Attachment at ¶ 13.

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.121(d).

Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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