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**Re: Withdrawal of Pending Applications:
File Nos. SAT-AMD-20021015-00188,
SAT-MOD-20021127-00232,
SAT-AMD-20030131-00007, and
SAT-MOD-20030314-00028**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SES AMERICOM, Inc. ("SES AMERICOM"), by its attorneys, hereby withdraws the above-referenced applications. The applications relate to a proposed redeployment of SES AMERICOM's current and planned satellites. Specifically, SES AMERICOM had proposed to operate its planned AMC-9 satellite at the 72° W.L. orbital location (File No. SAT-AMD-20021015-00188), to relocate AMC-6 from 72° W.L. to 101° W.L. (File Nos. SAT-MOD-20021127-00232 and SAT-AMD-20030131-00007) and to relocate AMC-4 from 101° W.L. to 85° W.L. (File No. SAT-MOD-20030314-00028). However, SES AMERICOM's business requirements have changed, and SES AMERICOM no longer plans to implement these alterations in its fleet. Accordingly, SES AMERICOM requests that the Commission dismiss the referenced applications.

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Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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