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Re: Operation of AMC-16 at 118.75° W.L.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

SES Americom, Inc. ("SES Americom"), by its attorneys, hereby supplements the record with respect to operation of SES Americom's AMC-16 Ku/Ka-band hybrid spacecraft pursuant to Canadian authority at the 118.75° W.L. orbital location. Specifically, SES Americom advises the Commission that it has conditionally agreed to allow use of the satellite's Ka-band payload for service to Canada from 118.75° W.L.

In April, the International Bureau granted a modification of SES Americom's license for AMC-16 to accommodate services contemplated pursuant to an agreement between SES Americom, Telesat Canada ("Telesat"), and EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. ("EchoStar").¹ The *AMC-16 Order* authorized relocation of AMC-16 to 118.75° W.L. for temporary operations under a license issued by Industry Canada to Telesat and return of AMC-16 to 85° W.L. following the launch of Telesat's Anik F3 spacecraft.² The Commission exchanged letters with Industry Canada regarding the mutual understandings of the two administrations relating to operation of AMC-16 at 118.75° W.L.³

¹ *SES Americom, Inc. and EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.*, Order and Authorization, DA 06-757 (Int'l Bur. rel. April 7, 2006) ("*AMC-16 Order*").

² The *AMC-16 Order* required that AMC-16 be returned to 85° W.L. and recommence Ka-band services there by December 31, 2006 in order for SES Americom to retain its Ka-band rights at that orbital location. *Id.* at ¶ 15. SES Americom will soon be filing a request for extension of that deadline in light of the delay in the Anik F3 launch schedule.

³ *See id.* at ¶ 10. A copy of the letters was attached as Annex A of the *AMC-16 Order*.

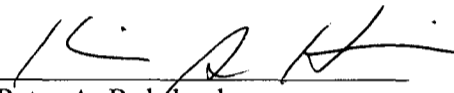
The *AMC-16 Order* noted that the agreement among Telesat, EchoStar and SES Americom specified that only the Ku-band payload of AMC-16 would be used at 118.75° W.L., and the license issued by Industry Canada to Telesat authorized only Ku-band operations at that location. *Id.* at ¶¶ 2-3. Similarly, the exchange of letters between the Commission and Industry Canada refers only to Ku-band operations of AMC-16 at 118.75° W.L.

SES Americom hereby advises the Commission that SES Americom, Telesat, and EchoStar have amended their agreement relating to AMC-16 operations at 118.75° W.L. to provide for use of the satellite's Ka-band payload for service to Canada. SES Americom understands that Telesat has requested authority from Industry Canada to permit Telesat to use the AMC-16 Ka-band payload at 118.75° W.L. In addition, we understand that Industry Canada has asked the Commission to modify the exchange of letters relating to AMC-16 to permit use of the Ka-band payload of the satellite pursuant to Canadian authority. If the Commission agrees to Industry Canada's proposed modification of the exchange of letters and Telesat receives a license from Industry Canada for Ka-band operations, SES Americom will activate the Ka-band payload of AMC-16 at 118.75° W.L. pursuant to the amended AMC-16 agreement.

Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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