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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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AMC-3 (S2162) Mod to Reassign to 67 W.L.

1-8. Legal Name of Applicant

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**SES Americom, Inc.**  
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The application of SES Americom, Inc. (SES Americom), IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20111220-00243, as supplemented, to modify the authorization for its geostationary-satellite orbit space station, AMC-3 (Call Sign S2162), to specify operations at the 67° W.L. orbital location, rather than at 86.9° W.L., is GRANTED.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, SES Americom is authorized to operate AMC-3 at 67° W.L. to provide Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS), including direct-to-home services, in the conventional Ku-band frequencies of 11.7-12.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 14.0-14.5 GHz (Earth-to-space).<sup>2</sup> In addition, SES Americom is authorized to conduct Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C) operations necessary to maintain AMC-3 at 67° W.L. using center frequencies located at 3700.5 MHz (space-to-Earth), 4199.5 MHz (space-to-Earth), 12.198 GHz (space-to-Earth), and 6423.5 MHz (Earth-to-space). This authorization is subject to the technical specifications set forth in SES Americom's application, Federal Communication Commission (Commission) rules not waived herein, and the conditions set forth below.

1. All operations must be on an unprotected and non-harmful interference basis, *i.e.*, the AMC-3 space station must not cause harmful interference to, and must not claim protection from interference caused to it by, any other lawfully operating station. In the event of any harmful interference, SES Americom must cease operations immediately upon notification of such interference, and must inform the Commission, in writing, immediately of such an event.

2. In connection with the provision of service in any particular country, SES Americom is obliged to comply with the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and licensing procedures of that country.

3. SES Americom must maintain the AMC-3 space station within an east/west longitudinal station-keeping tolerance of  $\pm 0.05$  degrees of the 67° W.L. orbital location.

4. This authorization is issued with the understanding that, to the extent SES Americom and its affiliated companies, pursuant to any arrangement with the Colombian Administration or the Andean Community, conforms its operations to any parameters agreed to in coordination agreements between the Colombian Administration and other Administrations, responsibility for both compliance with, and enforcing compliance with, those arrangements and agreements is a matter that would arise under private law.

5. The United States remains the licensing administration of the AMC-3 space station and its communications payloads for purposes of International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

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<sup>1</sup> On January 13, 2012, the Satellite Division granted, with conditions, authority to SES Americom for a period of 60 days, commencing on January 13, 2012, to conduct telemetry, tracking, and command operations during the drift to, and while operating at, the 67° W.L. orbital position, and to operate the AMC-3 space station in the conventional Ku-band frequencies of 11.7-12.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 14.0-14.5 GHz (Earth-to-space) to provide fixed-satellite service (FSS), including direct-to-home service, temporarily from the 67° W.L. orbital location. IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20111220-00244. On March 13, 2012, the Satellite Division granted authority to SES Americom to continue operations on the space station for a period of sixty days in accordance with the conditions imposed on the January 13, 2012 grant. IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20120305-00036. A further extension of this special temporary authority is pending. See IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20120509-00082.

<sup>2</sup> While the AMC-3 space station is capable of operating in both the C- and Ku-band, SES does not propose to operate the AMC-3 C-band frequencies while the spacecraft is located at 67° W.L., but does propose to use limited C-band frequencies for TT&C.

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Radio Regulation 18.1 and is the administration responsible for the operations of AMC-3. The U.S. Administration will not object to use of the AMC-3 satellite by the Colombian Administration, as Notifying Administration for the Andean Community, for claiming bringing into use or continuing the use of orbital assignments at 67° W.L. This grant does not in any way express a view concerning, or agreement as to, the validity or lack of validity of any ITU filing at or within the vicinity of the 67° W.L. orbital location.

6. SES Americom's request for a waiver of Section 25.114(d)(3) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.114(d)(3), is granted. Section 25.114(d)(3) requires applicants to provide predicted space station antenna gain contour(s) for each transmit and each receive antenna beam and nominal orbital location requested. The main purpose of the contour map is to allow evaluation of the potential for harmful interference with other operators and services in the frequency band. SES Americom states that it did not provide gain information for the global horn antenna in accordance with Section 25.114(d)(3) because the space station manufacturer did not provide .gxt data for this antenna. We find that Figure 1 in Section 2.5 of the Technical Appendix, together with the descriptive characterization provided on page 5 of the application, provide a sufficiently complete description of the global horn antenna on the AMC-3 space station to enable the Commission to determine whether the AMC-3 space station meets the Commission's technical requirements.

7. SES Americom's request for waivers of Sections 25.114(d)(14)(ii) and 25.283(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.114(d)(14)(ii), 25.283(c), is granted. Sections 25.114(d)(14)(ii) and 25.283(c) specify that space stations must discharge all stored energy sources at end-of-life of the space station. AMC-3 is a Lockheed A2100 series spacecraft and does not completely discharge all stored energy at end of life. SES Americom states that residual oxidizer will not be vented at the spacecraft's end of life because the two tanks containing this oxidizer were sealed shortly after the satellite's launch on September 3, 1997. SES Americom further states that the two oxidizer tanks are connected, that each tank has a volume of 229 liters, and that there is a total mass of 13.05 kg of dinitrogen tetroxide and 1 kg of helium in the tanks at end of life.<sup>3</sup> The information submitted by SES Americom is not sufficient to support a finding that the underlying purpose of Section 25.283(c) is served by sealing the oxidizer tanks without completely venting them. Nevertheless, we grant SES Americom a partial waiver of Sections 25.114(d)(14)(ii) and 25.283(c). AMC-3 was launched and the tanks sealed before Section 25.283(c) was adopted. Furthermore, compliance with Section 25.283(c) would require direct retrieval of the spacecraft or launching a servicing mission to the spacecraft, which is not practicable at this time. This action is without prejudice to future licensing decisions in connection with other spacecraft of the same manufacturing series.

8. Within 30 days of completion of any end-of-life maneuvers for the AMC-3 spacecraft, SES Americom must send a letter to the Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau, indicating the apogee and perigee of the AMC-3 disposal orbit.

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<sup>3</sup> On June 2, 2012, SES Americom filed a letter to clarify certain aspects of the venting requirements of AMC-3 at 67° W.L. Letter from Karis Hastings, Counsel for SES Americom, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20111220-00243 (filed Dec. 22, 2011). This grant takes into account those clarifications.

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9. SES Americom's request for a waiver of Section 25.202(g) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.202(g), is granted. Section 25.202(g) requires "telemetry, tracking and command (TT&C) functions for U.S. domestic satellites must be conducted at either or both edges of the allocated band(s). Frequencies, polarization and coding must be selected to minimize interference into other satellite networks and within their own satellite system." SES Americom requests this waiver for the proposed use of command carriers in the C-band center frequency of 6423.5 MHz and telemetry beacons in the C-band center frequencies of 3700.5 MHz and 4199.5 MHz (space-to-Earth) because these TT&C operations occur at the band edges of an FSS band other than the Ku-band in which it is providing service. This waiver is based upon the following findings: (a) AMC-3 was designed to operate with both service links and TT&C functions in the C-band; (b) SES Americom has coordinated C-band TT&C operations with adjacent satellite operators operating in the C-band; (c) AMC-3 is only authorized to operate on an unprotected and non-harmful interference basis. As a condition of this waiver, SES Americom must accommodate future space station networks that are compliant with Section 25.202(g). Further, SES Americom must operate AMC-3 pursuant to any existing or future coordination agreements for this location.

10. Grant of this authorization does not convey to SES Americom any authority to operate a space station at the 67° W.L orbital location beyond the term granted herein, nor any status in the United States satellite licensing process relative to applications for authority to operate a regularly authorized satellite at this orbital position.

11. Nothing in this authorization extends the license term for this space station, Call Sign S2162, which expires on September 30, 2012.

12. SES Americom is afforded thirty days from the date of this action to decline this authorization as conditioned. Failure to respond within this period will constitute formal acceptance of the authorization as conditioned.

13. This action is issued pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, and is effective immediately. Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of the public notice indicating that this action was taken.

 <b>GRANTED *</b> International Bureau *with conditions	<b>File #</b> <u>SAT-MOD-2011220-00243</u>
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	<b>Approved:</b> <u>Stephen J. Duall</u> Stephen J. Duall Chief, Satellite Policy Branch

9-16. Name of Contact Representative

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CLASSIFICATION OF FILING

17. Choose the button next to the classification that applies to this filing for both questions a. and b. Choose only one for 17a and only one for 17b.

- a1. Earth Station
- a2. Space Station

- (N/A) b1. Application for License of New Station
- (N/A) b2. Application for Registration of New Domestic Receive-Only Station
- b3. Amendment to a Pending Application
- b4. Modification of License or Registration
- b5. Assignment of License or Registration
- b6. Transfer of Control of License or Registration
- b7. Notification of Minor Modification
- (N/A) b8. Application for License of New Receive-Only Station Using Non-U.S. Licensed Satellite
- (N/A) b9. Letter of Intent to Use Non-U.S. Licensed Satellite to Provide Service in the United States
- (N/A) b10. Other (Please specify)
- (N/A) b11. Application for Earth Station to Access a Non-U.S. satellite Not Currently Authorized to Provide the Proposed Service in the Proposed Frequencies in the United States
- (N/A) b12. Application for Database Entry
- b13. Amendment to a Pending Database Entry Application
- b14. Modification of Database Entry

<p>17c. Is a fee submitted with this application?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity    <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial educational licensee</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other (please explain):</p>	
<p>17d.</p> <p>Fee Classification BFY – Space Station Modification (Geostationary)</p>	
<p>18. If this filing is in reference to an existing station, enter:</p> <p>(a) Call sign of station: S2162</p>	<p>19. If this filing is an amendment to a pending application enter both fields, if this filing is a modification please enter only the file number:</p> <p>(a) Date pending application was filed:</p> <p>(b) File number: SATMOD2002110800206</p>

TYPE OF SERVICE

20. NATURE OF SERVICE: This filing is for an authorization to provide or use the following type(s) of service(s): Select all that apply:

- a. Fixed Satellite
- b. Mobile Satellite
- c. Radiodetermination Satellite
- d. Earth Exploration Satellite
- e. Direct to Home Fixed Satellite
- f. Digital Audio Radio Service
- g. Other (please specify)

21. STATUS: Choose the button next to the applicable status. Choose only one.

- Common Carrier     Non-Common Carrier

22. If earth station applicant, check all that apply.

- Using U.S. licensed satellites  
 Using Non-U.S. licensed satellites

23. If applicant is providing INTERNATIONAL COMMON CARRIER service, see instructions regarding Sec. 214 filings. Choose one. Are these facilities:

- Connected to a Public Switched Network     Not connected to a Public Switched Network     N/A

24. FREQUENCY BAND(S): Place an 'X' in the box(es) next to all applicable frequency band(s).

- a. C-Band (4/6 GHz)     b. Ku-Band (12/14 GHz)  
 c. Other (Please specify upper and lower frequencies in MHz.)

Frequency Lower:    Frequency Upper: (Please specify additional frequencies in an attachment)

TYPE OF STATION

25. CLASS OF STATION: Choose the button next to the class of station that applies. Choose only one.

- a. Fixed Earth Station
- b. Temporary–Fixed Earth Station
- c. 12/14 GHz VSAT Network
- d. Mobile Earth Station
- e. Geostationary Space Station
- f. Non–Geostationary Space Station
- g. Other (please specify)

26. TYPE OF EARTH STATION FACILITY:

- Transmit/Receive    Transmit–Only    Receive–Only    N/A

"For Space Station applications, select N/A."



PURPOSE OF MODIFICATION

27. The purpose of this proposed modification is to: (Place an 'X' in the box(es) next to all that apply.)

- a -- authorization to add new emission designator and related service
- b -- authorization to change emission designator and related service
- c -- authorization to increase EIRP and EIRP density
- d -- authorization to replace antenna
- e -- authorization to add antenna
- f -- authorization to relocate fixed station
- g -- authorization to change frequency(ies)
- h -- authorization to add frequency
- i -- authorization to add Points of Communication (satellites & countries)
- j -- authorization to change Points of Communication (satellites & countries)
- k -- authorization for facilities for which environmental assessment and radiation hazard reporting is required
- l -- authorization to change orbit location
- m -- authorization to perform fleet management
- n -- authorization to extend milestones
- o -- Other (Please specify)

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

28. Would a Commission grant of any proposal in this application or amendment have a significant environmental impact as defined by 47 CFR 1.1307? If YES, submit the statement as required by Sections 1.1308 and 1.1311 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. 1.1308 and 1.1311, as an exhibit to this application. A Radiation Hazard Study must accompany all applications for new transmitting facilities, major modifications, or major amendments.  Yes  No

ALIEN OWNERSHIP Earth station applicants not proposing to provide broadcast, common carrier, aeronautical en route or aeronautical fixed radio station services are not required to respond to Items 30–34.

29. Is the applicant a foreign government or the representative of any foreign government?  Yes  No

30. Is the applicant an alien or the representative of an alien?  Yes  No  N/A

31. Is the applicant a corporation organized under the laws of any foreign government?  Yes  No  N/A

32. Is the applicant a corporation of which more than one-fifth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens or their representatives or by a foreign government or representative thereof or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country?  Yes  No  N/A

33. Is the applicant a corporation directly or indirectly controlled by any other corporation of which more than one-fourth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens, their representatives, or by a foreign government or representative thereof or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country?  Yes  No  N/A

34. If any answer to questions 29, 30, 31, 32 and/or 33 is Yes, attach as an exhibit an identification of the aliens or foreign entities, their nationality, their relationship to the applicant, and the percentage of stock they own or vote. Exh A and B

#### BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

35. Does the Applicant request any waivers or exemptions from any of the Commission's Rules?  Yes  No  
If Yes, attach as an exhibit, copies of the requests for waivers or exceptions with supporting documents.

36. Has the applicant or any party to this application or amendment had any FCC station authorization or license revoked or had any application for an initial, modification or renewal of FCC station authorization, license, or construction permit denied by the Commission? If Yes, attach as an exhibit, an explanation of circumstances.  Yes  No

37. Has the applicant, or any party to this application or amendment, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the applicant ever been convicted of a felony by any state or federal court? If Yes, attach as an exhibit, an explanation of circumstances.

Yes  No

38. Has any court finally adjudged the applicant, or any person directly or indirectly controlling the applicant, guilty of unlawfully monopolizing or attempting unlawfully to monopolize radio communication, directly or indirectly, through control of manufacture or sale of radio apparatus, exclusive traffic arrangement or any other means or unfair methods of competition? If Yes, attach as an exhibit, an explanation of circumstances

Yes  No

39. Is the applicant, or any person directly or indirectly controlling the applicant, currently a party in any pending matter referred to in the preceding two items? If yes, attach as an exhibit, an explanation of the circumstances.

Yes  No

40. If the applicant is a corporation and is applying for a space station license, attach as an exhibit the names, address, and citizenship of those stockholders owning a record and/or voting 10 percent or more of the Filer's voting stock and the percentages so held. In the case of fiduciary control, indicate the beneficiary(ies) or class of beneficiaries. Also list the names and addresses of the officers and directors of the Filer.

41. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies, that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application"; for these purposes.

Yes  No

42a. Does the applicant intend to use a non-U.S. licensed satellite to provide service in the United States? If Yes, answer 42b and attach an exhibit providing the information specified in 47 C.F.R. 25.137, as appropriate. If No, proceed to question 43.

Yes  No

42b. What administration has licensed or is in the process of licensing the space station? If no license will be issued, what administration has coordinated or is in the process of coordinating the space station?

43. Description. (Summarize the nature of the application and the services to be provided). (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)

SES Americom, Inc. hereby seeks a modification of the license for AMC-3, call sign S2162, to reassign the satellite to 67 deg. W.L. and authority to operate the TT&C and Ku-band communications payloads on AMC-3 after relocation. At 67 deg. W.L., AMC-3 will be co-located with AMC-4 and will operate pursuant to ITU filings of Colombia on behalf of the

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43a. Geographic Service Rule Certification

By selecting A, the undersigned certifies that the applicant is not subject to the geographic service or geographic coverage requirements specified in 47 C.F.R. Part 25.

A

By selecting B, the undersigned certifies that the applicant is subject to the geographic service or geographic coverage requirements specified in 47 C.F.R. Part 25 and will comply with such requirements.

B

By selecting C, the undersigned certifies that the applicant is subject to the geographic service or geographic coverage requirements specified in 47 C.F.R. Part 25 and will not comply with such requirements because it is not feasible as a technical matter to do so, or that, while technically feasible, such services would require so many compromises in satellite design and operation as to make it economically unreasonable. A narrative description and technical analysis demonstrating this claim are attached.

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CERTIFICATION

The Applicant waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise, and requests an authorization in accordance with this application. The applicant certifies that grant of this application would not cause the applicant to be in violation of the spectrum aggregation limit in 47 CFR Part 20. All statements made in exhibits are a material part hereof and are incorporated herein as if set out in full in this application. The undersigned, individually and for the applicant, hereby certifies that all statements made in this application and in all attached exhibits are true, complete and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

44. Applicant is a (an): (Choose the button next to applicable response.)

- Individual
- Unincorporated Association
- Partnership
- Corporation
- Governmental Entity
- Other (please specify)

45. Name of Person Signing Suzanne H. Malloy	46. Title of Person Signing Regulatory Counsel
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