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ATTACHMENT TO GRANT
SES Americom, Inc./Alascom, Inc.
IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20200413-00033

IBFS File No(s):	SAT-MOD-20200413-00033	GRANTED – With Conditions  International Bureau Satellite Division
Licensee/Grantee:	SES Americom, Inc./Alascom, Inc.	
Call Sign:	S2379	
Satellite Name:	AMC-8/Aurora III (AMC-8)	
Orbital Location: (required station-keeping tolerance)	135.0° W.L. (± 0.05 degrees)	
Administration:	United States of America	
Nature of Service:	Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS) Direct to Home Fixed Service	
Scope of Grant:	Modification of the AMC-8 authorization to extend the license term to June 30, 2025 and to relocate the satellite from 139° W.L. to 135° W.L.	
Previous Grant(s):	Authorization to extend the license for the AMC-8/Aurora III satellite and authorization to retire the satellite at its end of life. <i>See</i> IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20151222-00086. Authorization to provide direct-to-home services. <i>See</i> IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20021108-00211. Order and Authorization. <i>See</i> IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19990601-00061.	
Service Area(s):	United States, Canada, and the Caribbean	
Frequencies:	Service Links 3700-4200 MHz (space-to-Earth) 5925-6425 MHz (Earth-to-space) <u>Telemetry, Tracking, & Command (TT&C)</u> 3700.5 MHz and 4199.5 MHz (space-to-Earth) 6423.5 MHz (Earth-to-space)	

Unless otherwise specified herein, operations under this grant must comport with the legal and technical specifications set forth by the applicant or petitioner and with Federal Communication Commission's rules not waived herein. This grant is also subject to the following conditions:

1. SES/Alascom must comply with the terms and conditions of the authorization for the AMC-8 space station adopted in IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20151222-00086.
2. While at the 135.0° W.L. orbital location, SES/Alascom must maintain the AMC-8 space station with an east/west longitudinal station-keeping tolerance of +/- 0.05 degrees.
3. In connection with the provision of service in any particular country, SES/Alascom is obliged to comply with the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and licensing procedures of that country.
4. SES/Alascom must operate AMC-8 at the 135.0° W.L. orbital location in compliance with all existing or future coordination agreements for this location. In the absence of a coordination agreement, such communications must comply with applicable provisions of the ITU Radio Regulations as the Commission cannot guarantee the success of the required coordinations.
5. The operations of AMC-8 and associated earth stations must comport with the applicable uplink and downlink limits in 47 CFR § 25.140(a)(3) of the Commission's rules, unless SES/Alascom coordinates any non-conforming operations with the operations of U.S.-licensed geostationary orbit space stations within 6 degrees of the 135.0° W.L. orbital location. SES/Alascom must also comport with the maximum power limits indicated in existing or future coordination agreements at 135.0° W.L. Non-conforming operation must also be coordinated with respect to those operations of non-U.S.-licensed space stations within 6 degrees of 135.0° W.L involving approved communications with U.S.-licensed earth stations.

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6. The operations of AMC-8 in the 3700-4200 MHz band, within the contiguous United States, are subject to the terms of the *3.7-4.2 GHz Report and Order* (FCC 20-22), including Section 2.106, footnote NG182 and footnote NG457A, future actions in the proceeding, and actions on delegated authority taken in accordance with the Commission's Order (*See* Public Notice DA 20-578, released June 1, 2020, announcing accelerated clearing in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band).
7. SES/Alascom's request for a waiver of Sections 25.114(d)(14) and 25.283(c), 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.114(d)(14) and 25.283(c) is granted. Section 25.283(c) specifies that space stations must discharge all stored energy sources at end-of-life of the space station. SES Americom indicates that AMC-8 is a Lockheed Martin A2100 spacecraft and was launched on March 1, 2001. SES Americom states that due to its design, AMC-8's two oxidizer tanks were sealed by firing pyrotechnical valves shortly after launch and will not be vented to depletion at the spacecraft's end of life. SES Americom states that the total mass of remaining oxidizer in each of the two tanks will be approximately 6.92 kilograms at end of life, with each tank volume being approximately 229.9 liters. We grant the requested waivers because AMC-8 was launched before Section 25.283(c) was adopted and compliance would require direct retrieval of the satellite, which is not currently possible. In making this determination, however, we note that the information SES submitted for its waiver is not sufficient to support a finding that the intent of the rule would be satisfied by the described procedure for sealing the oxidizer tanks.

Licensee/grantee is afforded thirty (30) days from the date of release of this action to decline the grant as conditioned. Failure to respond within this period will constitute formal acceptance of the grant as conditioned.

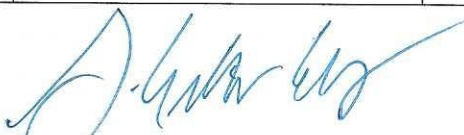
This action is taken pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegated authority, 47 CFR § 0.261, and is effective upon release.

Space station licenses are subject to conditions specified in Section 309(h) of the Communications Act of 1934, amended, 47 U.S.C. § 309(h).

Action Date:	July 1, 2020
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Term Dates	From: June 30, 2020	To: June 30, 2025
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Approved:


John W. Whaley
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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

17c. Is a fee submitted with this application? ☒ If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114). ☐ Governmental Entity ☐ Noncommercial educational licensee ☐ Other (please explain):	
17d. Fee Classification BFY – Space Station Modification (Geostationary)	
18. If this filing is in reference to an existing station, enter: (a) Call sign of station: S2379	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: (a) Date pending application was filed: (b) File number: SATMOD2015122200086

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.	Exhibits A and B

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

35. Does the Applicant request any waivers or exemptions from any of the Commission's Rules? If Yes, attach as an exhibit, copies of the requests for waivers or exceptions with supporting documents.	☐ Yes ☒ No
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 &quot;party to the application&quot;; 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. and Alascom, Inc. respectfully request a modification of the AMC-8/Aurora III license to extend the license term to June 30, 2025 and to permit relocation of the space station from 139 W.L. to 135 W.L. Narrative	

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.

☐ C

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
Petra A. Vorwig

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46. Title of Person Signing
Vice President, Legal & Regulatory Affairs

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