

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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NEW SKIES SATELLITES B.V.)	File No. SAT-MPL-_____
)	Call Sign S2950
Request to Modify U.S. Market Access Grant for)	
SES-10 to Specify Operation at 66.9° W.L.)	

MODIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 25.117(h)(1) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R.

§ 25.117(h)(1), New Skies Satellites B.V. (“New Skies”) respectfully submits this application to modify the terms of its U.S. market access grant for the SES-10 fixed-satellite space station to specify operation at 66.9° W.L., an offset of 0.1 degrees from the 67.0° W.L. position specified in the grant. No other change is requested in the terms of the SES-10 authorization. A completed FCC Form 312 is attached, and New Skies incorporates by reference the technical information previously submitted to the Commission.¹ In addition, SES is providing below the supporting certifications required by Section 25.117(h)(1) of the Commission’s rules.

BACKGROUND

On June 23, 2016, New Skies received authority to provide service into the United States from its SES-10 satellite.² The original market access application identified 67.0° W.L. as the satellite’s orbital location. Since the application was granted, New Skies has determined that the satellite should instead operate at 66.9° W.L. This slight offset will facilitate

¹ See *New Skies Satellites B.V. Market Access Application*, File No. SAT-PPL-20160117-00005, filed on January 17, 2016.

² See *New Skies Satellites B.V. Market Access Application*, File No. SAT-PPL-20160117-00005, granted on June 23, 2016.

management of SES-10 and the satellites operated by New Skies' affiliate SES Americom, Inc. at the nominal 67.0° W.L. orbital location.

Section 25.117(h)(1) of the Commission's rules establishes expedited processing for any application to reassign a geostationary FSS space station to a position no more than 0.15 degrees from its initially authorized orbital location. Specifically, such a request will be deemed granted 35 days after the date of the public notice that the application has been accepted for filing, provided no objections are filed during the public notice period. New Skies requests expedited processing pursuant to this provision and provides the following supporting certifications:

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.117(h)(1)

New Skies hereby certifies that this modification complies with the requirements of Section 25.117(h)(1), as indicated below:

1. New Skies has assessed and limited the probability of the SES-10 satellite becoming a source of debris as a result of collisions with large debris or other operational satellites at the new orbital location; and
2. The proposed station-keeping volume of SES-10 at 66.9° W.L. will not overlap a station-keeping volume reasonably expected to be occupied by any other satellite, including those authorized by the Commission, applied for and pending before the Commission, or otherwise the subject of an ITU filing and either in orbit or progressing towards launch.

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Pursuant to Section 25.117(h)(1) and as described herein, New Skies requests modification of its market access authority for the SES-10 space station to specify operation of the satellite at 66.9° W.L.

Respectfully submitted,

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