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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: *File No. SAT-PDR-20011016-00137; Call Sign S2463*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

New Skies Satellites B.V. (“New Skies”) writes to inform you that on April 14, 2009, it initiated redeployment of the Netherlands-licensed NSS-5 satellite from 177° W.L. to another orbital location under Dutch authority. While New Skies will not be seeking U.S. market access for NSS-5 at its next orbital location, it does anticipate relocating NSS-5 at a later date to a portion of the geostationary arc from which service to the U.S. will be possible.

Therefore, New Skies respectfully requests that the Commission not terminate NSS-5’s Permitted Space Station List status at this time, but rather suspend it pending return of the spacecraft to a location capable of providing U.S. service. Such a course of action will conserve Commission resources by avoiding the need for the Commission to review a largely repetitive New Skies filing seeking NSS-5 market access when the Commission has already determined that NSS-5 is eligible for Permitted List status. Instead, New Skies would propose filing in advance of NSS-5’s arrival at a later U.S.-visible orbital position only the information relating to NSS-5 that will change as a result of deployment of the spacecraft to a new orbital location, such as the service contours and interference analysis.

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If you have any questions, please direct them to me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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