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Notification of Ex Parte Meeting,
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Dear Madam Secretary:

On September 30, 2004, Nancy Eskenazi and Kimberly Baum of SES AMERICOM, Inc. ("SES AMERICOM"), and the undersigned met in person with Donald Abelson, Arthur Lechtman, JoAnn Lucanik, John Martin, Roderick Porter, Steven Spaeth, and Thomas Tycz, all of the International Bureau, for the purpose of discussing matters raised in the above-referenced proceedings. SES AMERICOM stated that its Petition for Declaratory Ruling, filed in April 2002 -- seeking an FCC determination that the public interest would be served by allowing the provision of DBS services from a Gibraltar-licensed BSS orbital slot at 105.5° WL -- should be granted now, in light of the compelling public interest benefits, subject to the outcome of the international coordination process. SES AMERICOM also requested from the International Bureau an update on the status of the "tweener" rulemaking petition filed by DirecTV.

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We are filing an original and one copy of this letter in each of the referenced dockets.

Respectfully submitted,



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