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Mr. Donald Abelson  
Chief, International Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554  
United States of America

Re: *Relocation of the NSS-7 Satellite to 22° W.L.*

Dear Mr. Abelson:

On May 28, 2002, the Chief of the International Bureau's Satellite Division released an Order in the above referenced proceedings placing NSS-7, a satellite launched and operated by New Skies Satellites N.V. ("New Skies"), on the Permitted Space Station List (the "Permitted List") at the 21.5° W.L. (338.5° E.L.) orbital location.<sup>1</sup> As the Radiocommunications Agency of the Netherlands recently informed the Commission, pursuant to the coordination agreement between New Skies and Intelsat that has been approved by the U.S. and Netherlands governments, the NSS-7 satellite will be relocated from 21.5° W.L. (338.5° E.L.) to the 22° W.L. (338° E.L.) orbital location. The relocation process will commence on or about November 1, 2002 and be completed within 75 days. This relocation has been fully coordinated with all relevant U.S.-licensed systems – and in fact improves the sharing environment by achieving two degree spacing from the nearest Intelsat satellite – and entails a movement of only 0.5° of longitude.

Accordingly, New Skies requests that the Commission revise NSS-7's entry on the Permitted List to reflect the satellite's new location. With such a revision, each earth station with "ALSAT" designated as a point of communication will continue to have authority to provide Fixed-Satellite Services ("FSS"), excluding FSS Direct-to-Home services to, from, or within the United States, by accessing the NSS-7 satellite at the 22° W.L. orbital location in the 3700-4200/5925-6425 MHz and the 11.7-12.2/14.0-14.5 GHz frequency bands. In addition, we request that such earth stations be authorized to provide FSS services by accessing the NSS-7 satellite during the period of its migration from 21.5° W.L. to 22° W.L.

<sup>1</sup> *New Skies Satellites N.V.*, 17 FCC Rod. 10369 (Int'l Bur. 2002) ("NSS-7 Order").



Given that the satellite's migration is scheduled to begin on November 1, your expedited consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew R. D'Uva".

Andrew R. D'Uva  
Vice President & Associate General Counsel