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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch

**Re: New Skies Satellites B.V.
File No. SAT-PPL-20120717-00117, Call Sign S2870**

New Skies Satellites B.V. (“New Skies”) refers to its pending request for U.S. market access for the Netherlands-licensed SES-6 satellite. *See* File No. SAT-PPL-2012-0717-00117, Call Sign S2870. New Skies is pleased to inform the Commission that the SES-6 satellite was successfully launched on June 3, 2013, from Baikonour, Kazakhstan. The satellite is currently en route to its in-orbit testing location at 26° W.L.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

/s/

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