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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: New Skies Satellites B.V. Petition for U.S. Market Access for SES-6
File No. SAT-PPL-20120717-00117 (Call Sign S2870)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

New Skies Satellites B.V. (doing business as "SES"), by its attorney and pursuant to Section 1.65 of the Commission's rules, hereby updates the record regarding the above-referenced petition seeking authority to use the SES-6 satellite to serve the U.S. market. Specifically, SES withdraws two requests included in the petition.

First, SES does not propose to use SES-6 capacity in the extended C-band (3625-3700 MHz downlink and 5850-5925 MHz uplink) to deliver direct-to-home programming ("DTH") to U.S. customers. Accordingly, SES withdraws its request for Commission DTH authority for SES-6 in this spectrum.¹

Second, SES has decided to alter the coverage of a number of the satellite's Ku-band beams in order to respond to customer requirements for capacity outside North America. As a result, the beam described in the SES-6 Schedule S and Technical Appendix as the Ku-band North America ("NA") beam² will instead be oriented toward South America and will have no U.S. coverage. Accordingly, SES withdraws its request for U.S. market access for this beam.

¹ SES may use SES-6 extended C-band capacity to uplink programming from U.S. gateways for delivery of DTH services to customers outside the U.S., but such feeder link operations are considered fixed-satellite service, not DTH.

² See *New Skies Satellites B.V.*, Call Sign S2870, File No. SAT-PPL-20120717-00117, Attachment A at 1 & Annex B at B1-2 & B14-15, and Schedule S Items S6, S7 & S8. The Ku-band "SC" and "AN" beams shown in the Schedule S and Technical Appendix will also be re-oriented to different parts of South America in response to customer requirements. No change to the SES-6 petition is required for these changes because the beams will not have U.S. coverage and no U.S. market access is being sought for those beams.

The Atlantic West (“ATW”) Ku-band beam on SES-6 will continue to have coverage of the United States. Accordingly, SES maintains its request for U.S. market access for the ATW beam using the extended and conventional Ku-band frequencies.

SES requests that the Commission update its records to reflect these changes and seeks expedited grant of U.S. market access for SES-6. Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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