

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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SES AMERICOM, INC.)	File No.
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Application for Special Temporary)	
Authority to Relocate Satcom C-1)	
to 37.5° W.L.)	

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

By this Application, SES AMERICOM, Inc. (“SES AMERICOM”) respectfully requests special temporary authority (“STA”) for 30 days to begin to relocate its Satcom C-1 satellite to 37.5° West Longitude (“W.L.”) immediately. SES AMERICOM has previously requested STA to relocate Satcom C-1 to that orbital location.¹ The *May STA Request* was put on public notice on June 3, 2002.²

For technical reasons, SES Americom would like to immediately begin to drift Satcom C-1 from its current orbital location at 79° W.L. to 37.5° W.L. Columbia 515, the satellite currently located at 37.5° W.L., must be replaced by October 2002 in order to provide continuity of service. SES Americom needs to start the drift of Satcom C-1 immediately to ensure that the positioning at 37.5° W.L. is accomplished prior to the upcoming eclipse season and to avoid interference with other C-band satellites. During

¹ Application of SES Americom for Special Temporary Authority to Relocate Satcom C-1 to 37.5° W.L., File No. SAT-STA-20020517-00076 (the “*May STA Request*”).

eclipse season, normal operations of Satcom C-1 require frequent commands to the satellite. SES AMERICOM, however, must observe blackout periods while Satcom C-1 is passing other C-band satellites during the drift. Thus, to ensure proper operation of Satcom C-1 during the drift and avoid interference to other C-band satellites, Satcom C-1 must be positioned at 37.5° W.L. by the end of August 2002.

SES AMERICOM acknowledges that it will commence any move of Satcom C-1 prior to the expiration of the public notice period for the *May STA Request* at its own risk and without prejudice to the Commission's decision on the merits of the *May STA Request*. This request is only for 30 days so that a further public notice is not necessary and the Commission can grant stamp this application.

² Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing, Rpt. No. SAT-00112 (June 3, 2002).

SES AMERICOM certifies that no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

Respectfully submitted,

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