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Re: Withdrawal of STA Request,
File No. SAT-STA-20021015-00189

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Policy Branch
International Bureau

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SES AMERICOM, Inc. ("SES AMERICOM"), by its attorneys, hereby withdraws the above-referenced request for special temporary authority (the "STA Request"). The STA Request sought authority to test the AMC-9 spacecraft at 82° W.L. SES AMERICOM later determined that it would be preferable to test that satellite at 81.9° W.L., and sought and received authority to test at that location prior to the launch of AMC-9 last June. See File No. SAT-STA-20030327-00041. The original STA Request is therefore moot, and SES AMERICOM is withdrawing it.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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