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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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Attachment File No. SAT-STA-20080311-00063 Call Sign: S2134 April 4, 2008

SES Americom, Inc.'s request for special temporary authority, File No. SAT-STA-20080311-00063, IS GRANTED, and SES Americom IS AUTHORIZED, for a period starting on April 4, 2008 and ending on June 3, 2008, to operate the AMC-2 satellite (Call Sign S2134) within a station-keeping range of 0.15 degrees of longitude between 100.90° W.L. and 101.05° W.L., in accordance with the terms, conditions, and technical specifications set forth in the application for special temporary authority, this Attachment, and the Federal Communication Commission's rules.

- 1. Operation of AMC-2 pursuant to this temporary authorization shall be consistent with the terms of frequency coordination agreements concerning operation of the AMC-4 space station and adjacent satellites.
- 2. This grant of temporary authority is without prejudice to disposition of SES Americom's pending application for modification of the space-station license for AMC-2 (File No. SAT-MOD-20080124-00030, as amended by SAT-AMD-20080311-00070). Any action taken or expense incurred as a result of operations pursuant to this special temporary authority is solely at SES Americom's own risk.

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See Attachment 1					
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10. Name of Person Signing Nancy J. Eskenazi			11. Title of Person Signing Vice President and Associate General Counsel		
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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of Application of)	
SES AMERICOM, INC.)	File No. SAT-STA
For Special Temporary Authority to Operate AMC-2 at 100.95° W.L. with Expanded Stationkeeping))	
EXPEDITED ACTION REQUESTED		

APPLICATION OF SES AMERICOM, INC.

SES Americom, Inc. ("SES Americom") hereby respectfully requests special temporary authority for a period of up to sixty days for operations of the AMC-2 satellite at the nominal 101° W.L. orbital location as described herein pending action on its underlying application for regular authority. Specifically, SES Americom seeks assignment of AMC-2 to 100.95° W.L. and requests authority to operate AMC-2 within both its requested stationkeeping volume at 100.95° W.L. +/-.05 degrees and within the adjacent stationkeeping volume of AMC-4 at 101.0° W.L. +/-.05 degrees. Grant of this authority will serve the public interest by giving SES Americom the flexibility to operate AMC-2 and AMC-4 in formation within a total 0.15 degree East/West stationkeeping volume, thereby optimizing fuel efficiency.

In January, SES Americom filed an application to modify the AMC-2 license to reassign the satellite from 85° W.L. to 101° W.L., where it would be collocated with AMC-4 and provide critical back-up capacity for AMC-4, which has experienced a number of solar array circuit failures. *See* File No. SAT-MOD-20080124-00030 ("AMC-2 Modification"). SES Americom subsequently received special temporary authority to begin drifting AMC-2 to

SES Americom is simultaneously seeking authority to operate AMC-4 within its own licensed stationkeeping authority and that of AMC-2.

101° W.L. (*see* File No. SAT-STA-20080214-00046), and the spacecraft is expected to arrive at that location by March 13.

In order to accommodate SES Americom's need to relocate AMC-2 to 101° W.L., Mobile Satellite Ventures ("MSV"), which is authorized to operate MSAT-2 at 100.95° W.L., agreed to seek reassignment to 101.3° W.L. MSV has been granted special temporary authority to move MSAT-2 to 101.3° W.L. (File No. SAT-STA-20080221-00050, granted Feb. 28, 2008), and has an application pending for permanent reassignment of the spacecraft (File No. SAT-MOD-20080303-00055).

Relocation of MSAT-2 creates additional unoccupied stationkeeping volume adjacent to AMC-4's current assignment at 101.0° W.L. +/-.05 degrees. In order to optimize the efficiency of the joint operations of AMC-2 and AMC-4 once AMC-2 arrives at the nominal 101° W.L. orbital location, SES Americom would like the ability to operate both AMC-2 and AMC-4 in formation, with the joint stationkeeping volume bounded by 100.90° W.L. to the East and 101.05° W.L. to the West. SES Americom is today filing an amendment to the AMC-2 Modification (the "AMC-2 Amendment") in order to seek this authority.

Pending application on the AMC-2 Modification as amended, SES Americom seeks special temporary authority to assign AMC-2 to 100.95° W.L. and to operate AMC-2 within both its requested stationkeeping volume and within the adjacent stationkeeping volume of AMC-4. Grant of the requested authority will allow SES Americom to optimize use of AMC-2 to back-up AMC-4 and will not adversely affect any other operator.

As SES Americom has previously explained, relocation of AMC-2 to the nominal 101° W.L. orbital location is required in order to ensure that capacity is available to decrease the load on AMC-4 given its solar array circuit failures. Flying AMC-2 and AMC-4 in formation

within a total stationkeeping volume of 0.15 degrees will result in fuel savings that will extend the time during which AMC-2 can provide back-up for AMC-4.

The proposed stationkeeping volume of AMC-2 does not overlap with that of any spacecraft other than AMC-4. DIRECTV holds Commission licenses for operations at the positions adjacent on either side of the requested stationkeeping volume. Specifically, D-8 is assigned to operate at 100.85° W.L. +/-.05 degrees, and D-9S is assigned to operate at 101.1° W.L. +/-.05 degrees. Thus, DIRECTV does not operate in the stationkeeping volume between 100.90° W.L. and 101.05° W.L. within which SES Americom seeks to operate AMC-2. As discussed above, MSV has been authorized to move MSAT-2 to 101.3° W.L.

Furthermore, as demonstrated in the AMC-2 Amendment, the proposed slight offset of AMC-2 from the nominal 101° W.L. orbital location will not result in harmful interference to adjacent operations. The nearest operational FSS C/Ku-band satellites to AMC-2's requested location are Intelsat's Galaxy 16 at 99° W.L. and SES Americom's AMC-1 at 103° W.L. The small proposed shift in AMC-2's orbital location will have a *de minimis* effect on the interference environment in which adjacent satellites operate.

SES Americom hereby 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.

SES Americom waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise, and requests an authorization in accordance with this application.

For the foregoing reasons, SES Americom seeks temporary authority for a period of up to 60 days to assign AMC-2 to 100.95° W.L. and requests authority to operate AMC-2 within the adjacent stationkeeping volume of AMC-4 as well.

Respectfully submitted,

SES Americom, Inc.

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