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Mr. Stephen Duall
Chief, Policy Branch, Satellite Division
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: File No. SAT-STA-20100511-00097 (Call Sign S2807)

Dear Mr. Duall:

In the above-referenced application, SES Americom, Inc., (“SES Americom,” doing business as “SES WORLD SKIES”),¹ requested special temporary authority (“STA”) to position the SES-1 spacecraft at 131.3° W.L. (+/- 0.2 degrees) and operate it there in the C-band for a period of up to seven days beginning on or about May 27, 2010.² SES WORLD SKIES hereby clarifies that it is seeking STA for a total period of 30 days and that the requested STA includes authority to drift SES-1 to its assigned 101° W.L. orbital location following completion of operations at 131.3° W.L. (+/- 0.2 degrees).

As it explained in the SES-1 STA Request, SES WORLD SKIES is attempting to mitigate potential interference to operations on its AMC-11 spacecraft at 131° W.L. associated with the approaching Galaxy 15 satellite licensed to PanAmSat Licensee Corp. See SES-1 STA Request, Narrative at 1. SES-1, a replacement satellite assigned to 101° W.L., was launched on April 24, 2010, and in-orbit testing (“IOT”) of the spacecraft began on May 9 at 142.5° W.L. pursuant to Commission authority.³ SES WORLD SKIES proposes to temporarily position and operate SES-1 in the C-band at 131.3° W.L. (+/- 0.2 degrees). This will permit customers of AMC-11 to use SES-1 as an alternative to AMC-11 during the period when Galaxy 15, which is drifting eastward in an uncontrolled manner towards AMC-11, is passing through and departing AMC-11’s nominal stationkeeping volume. *Id.* at

¹ On September 7, 2009, SES S.A. announced that the newly integrated operations of its two indirect subsidiaries, New Skies Satellites B.V. and SES Americom would be conducted under a single brand name, SES WORLD SKIES. The new brand name does not affect the underlying legal entities that hold Commission authorizations or U.S. market access rights.

² File No. SAT-STA-20100511-00097 (Call Sign S2807), filed May 11, 2010 (the “SES-1 STA Request”).

³ See File No. SAT-STA-20100408-00068 (Call Sign S2807), grant-stamped Apr. 23, 2010.

3. Once temporary operations of SES-1 at 131.3° W.L. (+/- 0.2 degrees) are completed, SES-1 will recommence its drift to 101° W.L. *Id.* at 4.

Testing of SES-1 has been completed, and the spacecraft began its drift away from the 142.5° W.L. IOT location on May 22. SES WORLD SKIES requests that the Commission grant the SES-1 STA Request for a total of 30 days effective on May 27, permitting C-band operations of SES-1 at 131.3° W.L. (+/- 0.2 degrees) for up to seven days and authorizing Tracking, Telemetry, Command, and Monitoring to maintain the spacecraft at 131.3° W.L. (+/- 0.2 degrees) and thereafter to drift the satellite to 101° W.L.

Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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