

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

In the Matter of)	
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SES AMERICOM, INC.)	File No. SAT-STA-_____
)	Call Sign S2181
Request for Special Temporary Authority to)	
Alter the Ka-band Coverage of AMC-16)	

REQUEST OF SES AMERICOM, INC.

SES Americom, Inc. (doing business as “SES”), hereby respectfully requests special temporary authority (“STA”) for a period of 60 days beginning on or before January 25, 2013, to permit reorientation of the AMC-16 fixed-satellite space station’s Ka-band beams. SES seeks STA pending action on its concurrently-filed application to modify the AMC-16 license to permit adjustment of the satellite’s Ka-band footprint.¹ Grant of the requested authority will enable SES to tailor the Ka-band coverage of AMC-16 to better accommodate customer service requirements.

As discussed in the AMC-16 Modification, SES has a customer request to perform a slight reorientation of the AMC-16 Ka-band beams. The modification application includes a public interest analysis in support of the request as well as technical materials demonstrating that adjusting the AMC-16 Ka-band coverage as proposed will not adversely affect any other satellite operators. The Commission has generally permitted satellite operators the flexibility to design and modify their networks in response to customer requirements, absent

¹ *SES Americom, Inc.*, Call Sign S2181, File No. SAT-MOD-20121224-00221 (the “AMC-16 Modification”).

compelling countervailing public interest considerations.² Here, grant of the requested STA will permit SES to accommodate customer requirements and facilitate efficient use of AMC-16 to provide service to customers.

For the foregoing reasons, SES respectfully requests expeditious grant of STA to permit reorientation of AMC-16 in order to adjust the Ka-band footprint pending action on the AMC-16 Modification.

Respectfully submitted,

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² See, e.g. *AMSC Subsidiary Corporation*, 13 FCC Rcd 12316 at ¶ 8 (IB 1998) (the Commission generally leaves space station design decisions to the licensee “because the licensee is in a better position to determine how to tailor its system to meet the particular needs of its customers”) (footnote omitted).