

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

In the Matter of)
)
SES AMERICOM, INC.) File No. SAT-STA-_____
) Call Sign S2134
Request for Special Temporary Authority to)
Relocate AMC-2 and Extend its License Term)

Expedited Action Requested

REQUEST OF SES AMERICOM, INC.

SES Americom, Inc. (“SES”), hereby respectfully requests special temporary authority (“STA”) for a period of 60 days beginning on or before June 8, 2016, to permit relocation of the AMC-2 satellite and extend its license term. Specifically, SES seeks authority to: (1) drift AMC-2 from its current position at 80.85° W.L. to 84.85° W.L. and maintain it at that location using certain C-band and Ku-band frequencies for Telemetry, Tracking and Command (“TT&C”);¹ (2) operate AMC-2 in the conventional Ku-band at 84.85° W.L. +/-0.1 degrees; and (3) extend the AMC-2 license term. SES seeks STA pending action on its application to modify the AMC-2 license to reflect these changes.² Grant of the requested authority will serve the public interest by allowing SES to use AMC-2 to respond to customer service requirements.

¹ The AMC-2 TT&C frequencies and nominal polarizations are as follows:

Command: 6423.5 MHz (horizontal polarization; uplink)
Telemetry: 3700.5 MHz (horizontal polarization; downlink),
4199.5 MHz (vertical polarization; downlink), and
12198.0 MHz (vertical polarization; downlink).

² *SES Americom, Inc.*, Call Sign S2134, File No. SAT-MOD-20160329-00029 (the “AMC-2 Modification”). SES incorporates the supporting materials submitted with the AMC-2 Modification by reference herein.

As discussed in the AMC-2 Modification, SES has entered into an agreement with EchoStar, the licensee of the Ku-band payload of AMC-16 at 85° W.L. location, to reposition AMC-2 in order to supplement AMC-16's Ku-band capacity. The modification application includes a public interest analysis in support of the request as well as technical materials demonstrating that relocating AMC-2 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 compelling countervailing public interest considerations.³ Here, grant of the requested STA will permit SES to accommodate customer requirements and facilitate efficient use of AMC-2 to provide service to customers.

For the foregoing reasons, SES respectfully requests expeditious grant of STA to permit relocation of AMC-2 and extension of the AMC-2 license term pending action on the AMC-2 Modification.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ 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).