

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFER AND PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

By this application, SES Americom, Inc. (“SES Americom”) and Alascom, Inc. (“Alascom”), which currently are joint licensees for the AMC-8/Aurora III (“AMC-8”) C-band fixed-satellite space station, seek Commission authority to transfer the license into the sole control of SES Americom. AMC-8 is a C-band satellite that has recently been relocated to 135° W.L. with a license term that expires June 30, 2025.¹ Historically, Alascom used a significant part of the satellite’s payload, but that is no longer the case, and Alascom has no interest in maintaining its position as a joint licensee of the spacecraft. Grant of the requested authority will serve the public interest by updating the licensing situation to reflect the changed commercial circumstances, relieving Alascom of regulatory obligations for a satellite that the company no longer relies on for communications capacity.

Although the satellite is currently jointly licensed, the Commission’s IBFS database lists the satellite under an SES Americom FCC Registration Number. Accordingly, the transfer of control will not require any change to the IBFS account data for the satellite. However, for annual regulatory fee purposes, the Commission’s practice is to assess Alascom a fee representing almost 71% of the total amount, reflecting Alascom’s past use of seventeen of the satellite’s twenty-four transponders, while SES Americom is assessed a fee for the remaining roughly 29%, corresponding with the other seven transponders. SES Americom and Alascom request that beginning with Fiscal Year 2020, the Commission terminate that practice and assess the full annual regulatory fee on SES Americom.

TRANSFeree’S OWNERSHIP, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SES Americom, the proposed transferee, is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of SES S.A. (“SES”). SES Global-Americas, Inc. holds 100% of the capital stock of SES Americom. SES Global Americas Holdings GP, a Delaware general partnership that is owned 99.94% by SES and 0.06% by SES’ direct wholly-owned subsidiary SES ASTRA S.A., holds 100% of the capital stock of SES Global-Americas, Inc. With the exception of SES and SES ASTRA, which are Luxembourg companies, all of these entities are U.S. corporations or partnerships.

SES wholly owns SES Americom, SES ASTRA (formerly Société Européenne des Satellites S.A.), and New Skies Satellites B.V. Through its subsidiaries and affiliates, SES engages in the provision of satellite services in North and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia under the single brand name “SES.” The individual legal entities, however, remain distinct.

¹ See Call Sign S2379, File No. SAT-MOD-20200413-00033, granted July 1, 2020.

The offices of SES and SES ASTRA are at L-6815 Château de Betzdorf, Luxembourg. The address of the intermediary holding companies is 4 Research Way, Princeton, NJ 08540.

The names, addresses, and citizenship of stockholders owning of record and/or voting 10 percent or more of SES voting stock are:

1. The Etat du Grand Duché de Luxembourg (the “State of Luxembourg”) – and Banque et Caisse d’Epargne de l’Etat (“BCEE”) and Société Nationale de Crédit et d’Investissement (“SNCI”), each of which is an institution created by act of the Luxembourg Parliament and 100% owned by the State of Luxembourg – hold Class B shares of SES representing a combined effective economic interest of 16.67% and effective voting power of 33.33%. In addition, in 2007 and 2008 these entities received SES Fiduciary Deposit Receipts (“FDRs”), each of which represents one Class A share of SES. The FDRs distributed to these entities represented a combined 5.43% economic interest and effective voting power of 4.35%. SES Americom does not know how many of these FDRs, if any, are still held by the Class B shareholders, as they are entitled to sell the FDRs without notice to SES. The principal business of both BCEE and SNCI is financial services. The addresses of BCEE and SNCI are as follows:

Banque et Caisse d’Epargne de l’Etat
1, place de Metz
L-2954 Luxembourg

Société Nationale de Crédit et d’Investissement
7, rue du Saint-Esprit
BP 1207, L-1012 Luxembourg

The address for the State of Luxembourg is Ministry of State, 4 rue de la Congrégation, L-2910, Luxembourg.

Directors and Officers

The directors of SES Americom are:

Robert B. Jones
Sergy A. Mummert
Michael J. Noon
Douglas N. Clayton
Nancy J. Eskenazi

The address of Messrs. Jones, Mummert, Noon and Clayton is SES Americom, Inc., 4 Research Way, Princeton, NJ 08540. The address of Ms. Eskenazi is SES Americom, Inc., 1129 20th Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036. All of the directors are U.S. citizens.

The following are officers of SES Americom:

NAME	TITLE
Nancy J. Eskenazi	President
Robert B. Jones	Vice President & CFO
Petra A. Vorwig	Secretary
Darshna Dhake	Assistant Secretary
Rafael Roelandt	Assistant Secretary
Kent Bossart	Assistant Secretary
Andrea Haff	Treasurer

The address of Ms. Eskenazi, Ms. Dhake, Mr. Roelandt, Mr. Bossart and Ms. Vorwig is SES Americom, Inc., 1129 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington D.C. 20036. The address of Mr. Jones, and Ms. Haff is SES Americom, Inc., 4 Research Way, Princeton, NJ 08540. All of the officers are U.S. citizens, except Mr. Roelandt, who is a Dutch national.