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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

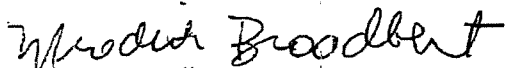
Re: Request of NewCom International for Special Temporary Authority to Operate a Transmit/Receive Common Carrier C-Band Earth Station at Miami, Florida using the Express 3A Space Station Satellite to Extend Connectivity to Cuba, and Certain International Points in Africa; FCC No. SES-AFS-20061006-01814.

On behalf of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), I am requesting that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) delay granting any final authorization of the satellite earth station application cited above to use the Express-3A Satellite.

The basis of this request is similar to the request USTR submitted in February 2005, namely that the United States is currently negotiating the terms of the Russian Federation's accession to the World Trade Organization. Until those negotiations are completed, it would be premature to grant permanent authorization to use any Russian licensed satellite system such as the Express-3A.

As with the previous request, USTR does not object to the issuance of Special Temporary Authorization for this license application.

Sincerely,


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and Telecommunications

cc: John Guisti, Acting International Bureau Chief
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