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**Re: Oral Ex Parte Presentation  
ARINC Incorporated, SKYLink<sup>SM</sup> Application, File Nos. SES-LIC-  
20030910-01261 & SES-AMD-20031223-01860**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 13, 2004, ARINC Incorporated ("ARINC") met with Thomas Tycz, Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau; Andrea Kelly, Chief, Policy Branch, Satellite Division, International Bureau; Scott Kotler, Chief, Systems Analysis Branch, Satellite Division, International Bureau; William Bell, Policy Branch, Satellite Division, International Bureau; and Shabnam Javid, Engineering Branch, Satellite Division, International Bureau. Representing ARINC were David A. Poltorak, Vice President, Business Aviation Services; Kris E. Hutchison, Senior Director, Frequency Management; Robert Thompson, Senior Director, Satellite Services; and William M. Kolb, Program Manager, SKYLink<sup>SM</sup>. Carl R. Frank, John L. Bartlett, and Kelion N. Kasler of Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP, counsel to ARINC, also attended the meeting.

At the meeting, ARINC inquired about the status of its SKYLink<sup>SM</sup> license application. In this regard, ARINC informed the Commission attendees that its application has been on file since September 2003, that it has filed numerous pleadings answering all questions raised by Boeing, and that it has coordinated its operations with NASA, NSF, and the nearby fixed-satellite licensees. ARINC also made clear that the SKYLink<sup>SM</sup> development program has now reached a critical juncture. ARINC noted that there is considerable market demand for the SKYLink<sup>SM</sup> broadband AMSS service, and that prompt action by the FCC would introduce competition in the aviation broadband Internet market.

ARINC also suggested that it would be appropriate for the Commission to grant ARINC a license for its SKYLink<sup>SM</sup> system conditioned on compliance with any rules promulgated in the future pursuant to an AMSS rulemaking proceeding.

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