# Exhibit For SES Americom, LLC Somis, California Vertex Corporation 11.1 Meter KPK Earth Station

# Compliance with FCC Report & Order (FCC96-377) for the 13.75 - 14.0 GHz Band Analysis and Calculations

# 1. Background

This Exhibit is presented to demonstrate the extent to which the SES Americom, LLC satellite earth station in Somis, California is in compliance with FCC REPORT & ORDER 96-377. The potential interference from the earth station to US Navy shipboard radiolocation operations (RADAR) and the NASA space research activities in the 13.75 - 14.0 GHz Band is addressed in this exhibit. The parameters for the earth station are:

#### Table 1. Earth Station Characteristics

• Coordinates (NAD83): 34° 19' 33.1" N, 118° 59' 47.8" W

• Satellite Location for Earth Station: GE-23 (188.0° W)

• Frequency Band: 13.75-14.0 GHz for uplink

• Polarizations: Linear

• Emissions: NON, 100KG7W, 10M0G7W, 20M0G7W and 36M0G7W

• Modulation: No Modulation and Digital

• Maximum Aggregate Uplink EIRP: 54.0 dBW for the NON Carrier

62.0 dBW for the 100 kHz Carriers 72.6 dBW for the 10 MHz Carriers 84.0 dBW for the 20 MHz Carriers 84.0 dBW for the 36 MHz Carriers

• Transmit Antenna Characteristics

Antenna Size: 11.1 meters in Diameter Antenna Type/Model: Vertex Corporation

Gain: 62.0 dBi

• RF power into Antenna Flange: No Modulation (CW Carrier)

-8.0 dBW

or -8.0 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

• RF power into Antenna Flange (Continued)

100 kHz 0.0 dBW

or -14.0 dBw/4 kHz

 $10 \, \mathrm{MHz}$ 

10.6 dBW or 0.6 dBW/MHz or -23.4 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

20 MHz

22.0 dBW or 9.0 dBW/MHz or -15.0 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

36 MHz

22.0 dBW or 6.5 dBW/ MHz or –17.5 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

• Minimum Elevation Angle:

Somis, CA 8.6° @ 257.8° Az. (GE-23) at 188.0° W

• Side Lobe Antenna Gain:  $32 - 25*log(\theta)$ 

Because the above uplink spectrum is shared with the Federal Government, coordination in this band requires resolution data pertaining to potential interference between the earth station and both Navy Department and NASA systems. Potential interference from the earth station could impact with the Navy and/or NASA systems in two areas. These areas are noted in FCC Report and Order 96-377 dated September 1996, and consist of (1) Radiolocation and radio navigation, (2) Data Relay Satellites.

# Summary of Coordination Issues:

- 1) Potential Impact to Government Radiolocation (Shipboard Radar)
- 2) Potential Impact to NASA Data Relay Satellite Systems (TDRSS)

# 2. Potential Impact to Government Radiolocation (Shipboard Radar)

Radiolocation operations (RADAR) may occur anywhere in the 13.4 - 14 GHz frequency band aboard ocean going United States Navy ships. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) order 96-377 allocates the top 250 MHz of this 600 MHz band to the Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) on a co-primary basis with the radiolocation operations and provides for an interference protection level of -167 dBW/m $^2$ /4 kHz.

The closest distance to the shoreline from the Somis earth station is approximately 28.76 km Southwest toward the Pacific Ocean. The calculation of the power spectral density at this distance is given by:

		<u>N0N</u>	<u>100 kHz</u>	10.0 MHz	20.0 MHz	36.0 MHz
1.	Clear Sky EIRP:	54.0 dBW	62.0 dBW	72.6 dBW	84.0 dBW	84.0 dBW
2.	Carrier Bandwidth:	CW Signal	100 kHz	24 MHz	20 MHz	36 MHz
3.	PD at antenna Input:	-8.0	-14.0	-23.4	-15.0	-17.5
	(dBW/4 kHz)					
4.	Transmit Antenna Gain:		62.0 dBi			
5.	Antenna Gain Horizon:		FCC Reference Pattern			
6.	Antenna Elevation Angle:		$8.6^{\circ}$			

The proposed earth station will radiate interference toward the Pacific Ocean according to its off-axis side-lobe performance. A conservative analysis, using FCC standard reference pattern, results in off-axis antenna gains of -4.2 dBi toward the Pacific Ocean.

The signal density at the shoreline, through free space is:

# NON Carriers (CW Carrier)

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m<sup>2</sup>).

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= -8.0 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (-2.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(28760\text{m})^2]
= -110.2 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz} + \text{Additional Path Losses (~57.1 dB)}
= -167.3 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}
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#### 100 kHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) – Spread Loss (dBw-m<sup>2</sup>).

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= -14.0 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (-2.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(28760\text{m})^2]
= -116.2 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz} + \text{Additional Path Losses (~57.1 dB)}
= -173.3 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}
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#### 10 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m<sup>2</sup>).

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= -23.4 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (-2.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(28760\text{m})^2]
= -125.6 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz} + \text{Additional Path Losses (~57.1 dB)}
= -182.7 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}
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#### 20 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) – Spread Loss (dBw-m<sup>2</sup>).

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= -15.0 dBw/4 kHz + (-2.0) dBi – 10*log[4\Pi*(28760m)^2]
= -117.2 dBW/m²/4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~57.1 dB)
= -174.3 dBW/m²/4 kHz
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#### 36 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) – Spread Loss (dBw-m<sup>2</sup>).

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= -17.5 dBW/4 kHz + (-2.0) dBi – 10*log[4\Pi*(28760m)^2]
= -119.7 dBW/m<sup>2</sup>/4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~57.1 dB)
= -176.8 dBW/m<sup>2</sup>/4 kHz
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Our calculations identified additional path losses of approximately 57.1 dB including absorption loss and earth diffraction loss for the actual path profiles from the earth station to the nearest shoreline.

The worst case calculated PFD including additional path losses to the closest shoreline location is  $-167.3~\mathrm{dBW/m^2/4~kHz}$  for the CW Carriers, 100 kHz, 10 MHz, 20 MHz, and 36 MHz carriers. This is 0.3 dB below the  $-167~\mathrm{dBW/~m^2/4~kHz}$  interference criteria of R&O 96-377. Therefore, there should be no interference to the US Navy RADAR from the Somis earth station due to the distance and the terrain blockage between the site and the shore.

# 3. Potential Impact to NASA's Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS)

The geographic location of the SES Americom earth station in Somis, California is outside the 390 km radius coordination contour surrounding NASA's White Sands, New Mexico ground station complex. Therefore, the TDRSS space-to-earth link will not be impacted by the SES Americom earth station in Somis, California.

The TDRSS space-to-space link in the 13.772 to 13.778 GHz band is assumed to be protected if an earth station produces an EIRP less than 71 dBW/6 MHz in this band. The 11.1 meter earth station antenna will have an EIRP less than 71 dBW/6 MHz for the CW carrier, and the 100 kHz and 10 MHz carriers in this band. The total EIRP for the CW Carrier is 54.0 dBW and the equivalent EIRP per 6 MHz segment will remain at 54.0 dBW/6 MHz. The total EIRP for the 100 kHz, carriers is 62.0 dBW. The equivalent EIRP per 6 MHz segment will remain at 62.0 dBW/6 MHz. Therefore, there should not be interference to the TDRSS space-to-space link for the CW carriers or the 100 kHz carriers. For the 10 MHz carriers the total EIRP is 72.6 dBW, and the equivalent EIRP per 6 MHz segment will be 70.93 dBW/6 MHz, which should not interfere with the TDRSS space-to-space link for the 10 MHz carriers.

For the 20 MHz and 36 MHz carriers, the total EIRP of 84.0 dBW (24 and 36 MHz) equate to an EIRP per 6 MHz of 80.7 dBW/6 MHz and 78.0 dBW/6 MHz, respectively. These levels are above the 71.0 dBW/6 MHz threshold, and there will be interference to the TDRSS space-to-space link. Therefore, transmit operations from 13770 to 13780 MHz will not be permitted for the 20 MHz and 36 MHz emissions.

# 4. Coordination Issue Result Summary and Conclusions

The results of the analysis and calculations performed in this exhibit indicate that compatible operation between the earth station at the Somis facility and the US Navy and NASA systems space-to-earth link are possible for all of the proposed carriers. Operations in NASA systems space-to-space link (13772.0 to 13778.0 MHz) will only be permitted for the CW, 100 kHz and 10 MHz carriers.

For the 20 MHz, and 36 MHz carriers, the results of the analysis and calculations performed in this exhibit indicate that compatible operation between the earth station at the Somis facility and the US Navy and NASA systems space-to-earth link are possible. However, operations in NASA systems space-to-space link (13772.0 to 13778.0 MHz) will not be permitted. Frequencies from 13770.0 to 13780.0 MHz will need to be avoided for the 20 MHz and 36 MHz carriers.