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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: Status of Pending STA Requests of AMSC

Dear Mr. Repasi:

AMSC Subsidiary Corp. ("AMSC"), through its attorneys, hereby responds to your letters dated March 3, 2000 regarding the status of various AMSC requests for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") that remain pending at the International Bureau (the "Bureau"). Specifically, you inquired about the STA requests corresponding to the following file numbers:

SES-STA-19990312-00371
SES-STA-19990312-00368
SES-STA-19990312-00370
SES-STA-19990216-00248
SES-STA-19990730-01310
SES-STA-19990910-01564
SES-STA-19990324-00461
SES-STA-19990910-01563
SES-STA-19990324-00460
SES-STA-19991103-01967
SES-STA-19990430-00993

In response to your inquiry, AMSC requires the grant of the following eight of these pending STA requests: SES-STA-19990216-00248; SES-STA-19990730-01310; SES-STA-19990910-01564; SES-STA-19990324-00461; SES-STA-19990910-01563; SES-STA-19990324-00460; SES-STA-19991103-01967; and SES-STA-19990430-00993. AMSC urges the Bureau to expeditiously grant these requests.

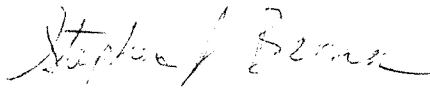
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In contrast, the following three of these STA requests are no longer needed and are hereby withdrawn: SES-STA-19990312-00371; SES-STA-19990312-00368; and SES-STA-19990312-00370.

In addition, AMSC clarifies that all of the STA requests referenced in Mr. Repasi's letters are requests for extension of STAs previously granted by the Bureau. These original STA grants currently remain effective in accordance with Section 25.161(b) of the Commission's rules. Related to this point, AMSC notes that three separate pairs of the above-listed STA requests include filings that seek extension of the same operational authority (SES-STA-19990910-01564/SES-STA-19990324-00461; SES-STA-19990910-01563/SES-STA-19990324-00460; and SES-STA-19991103-01967/SES-STA-19990430-00993); the later-filed extension request in each pair was submitted in light of the 180-day duration of STA grants under Section 25.120 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 25.120.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



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