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### Re: SES-MOD-20030318-00351

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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On October 2, 2003, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") granted the request of California Broadcast Center, LLC ("CBC") for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to access frequencies in the 6425-6525 MHz band in order to uplink programming to the Galaxy III-C satellite on a temporary basis to conduct interference testing. As required by the Commission's grant, on March 4, 2004, CBC sent to the Commission the results of the interference tests, which demonstrated that CBC's proposed uplink operations will not cause harmful interference to the local electronic news gathering ("ENG") users operating in the 6425-6525 MHz band in the Los Angeles, California metropolitan area. CBC noted in its March 4, 2004 letter that Broadcast Sports Enterprises, Inc., Western Technical Services, NBC Subsidiary (KNBC-TV), Inc. and Estrella License Corporation represented to CBC that they agree the interference tests did not result in any harmful interference to ENG users operating in the 6425-6525 MHz band in the Los Angeles, California metropolitan area, and that the parties expected to file with the Commission a settlement agreement to that effect. Attached is a settlement agreement executed by CBC and NBC Subsidiary (KNBC-TV), Inc. and Estrella License Corporation in which the parties acknowledge that the results of the testing demonstrate that no harmful interference exists to local ENG users operating in the extended C band frequencies. On March 23, 2004, CBC filed a similar agreement between it and Broadcast Sports Enterprises, Inc. and Western Technical Services.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation. In the event there are any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted, Owa James H./Barker Tonya Rutherford

Counsel to California Broadcast Center, LLC

Enclosure

cc: Frank Peace Bill LeBeau

## STIPULATION BETWEEN CALIFORNIA BROADCAST CENTER, LLC AND BROADCAST SPORTS ENTERPRISES, INC., WESTERN TECHNICAL SERVICES, NBC SUBSIDIARY (KNBC-TV), INC. AND ESTRELLA LICENSE CORPORATION

In order to resolve in an amicable way the disputes between California Broadcast Center, LLC ("CBC") and Broadcast Sports Enterprises, Inc., Western Technical Services, NBC Subsidiary (KNBC-TV), Inc. and Estrella License Corporation ("Joint Petitioners") now pending before the Federal Communications Commission in SES-MOD-20030318-00351, CBC and the Joint Petitioners agree to the terms and conditions contained in this Stipulation.

On March 14, 2003, CBC filed an application to modify its earth station authorization E020091 in the domestic fixed satellite service to access additional frequencies in the 6425-6525 MHz band ("Modification Application") for the purpose of uplinking with Galaxy III-C's Ku band downlink transponders to serve South America. On April 25, 2003, the Joint Petitioners filed an opposition to the Modification Application, asserting that CBC's proposed uplink operations would likely cause interference to the local electronic news gathering ("ENG") and other terrestrial users operating in the 6425-6525 MHz band in the Los Angeles, California metropolitan area.

On June 23, 2003, CBC requested Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to access frequencies in the 6425-6525 MHz band in order to uplink programming to the Galaxy III-C satellite on a temporary basis to conduct an interference test. The FCC granted CBC's STA request on October 2, 2003. Pursuant to the STA, CBC has worked with the ENG community to conduct interference testing. Both CBC and the Joint Petitioners acknowledge that the results of the testing demonstrate that no harmful interference exists to local ENG users operating in the extended C band frequencies; however, nothing in this Stipulation shall preclude the Joint Petitioners from filing a complaint against CBC in the future in the event that the Joint Petitioners experience actual interference from CBC's uplink operations. The Joint Petitioners do not purport to represent the interests of any licensees other than themselves.

In an effort to resolve their disputes pending before the Federal Communications Commission in SES-MOD-20030318-00351, CBC and the Joint Petitioners agree to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) As indicated in the Modification Application, CBC shall communicate with a single satellite, Galaxy III-C, at a single location, a 95° W.L. orbital location.
- 2) Having acknowledged that CBC's facility will not cause interference to the local ENG users operating in the 6425-6525 MHz band in the Los Angeles, California metropolitan area, the Joint Petitioners agree not to file comments opposing CBC's Modification Application in SES-MOD-20030318-00351.

Executed on this the 25th day of March 2004.

### CALIFORNIA BROADCAST CENTER, LLC

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## NBC SUBSIDIARY (KNBC-TV), INC. AND ESTRELLA LICENSE CORPORATION

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