

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In reply, please reference: Call Sign WB36

File Number: SES MOD 20031119 01678

April 13, 2004

Mr. Bruce A. Henoch Telenor Satellite, Inc. 1101 Wootton Parkway, 10th Floor Rockville, M.D. 20852

Dear Mr. Henoch:

On March 16, 2004 we granted a modification, SES MOD 20031119 01678, to the satellite earth station license WB36.¹ Pursuant to section 1.113 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.113, on our own motion we hereby set aside that grant because, inter alia, the terms of the license do not conform to 47 CFR Part 25, §25.204(f) for the band 13.75-14 GHz, nor do the terms of the license reflect, as they should, an exception to the criteria in 47 CFR Part 25, §25.212(c) for routine processing. Further, the application and license are unclear regarding the power flux density at the shoreline, and the license is unclear with respect to limitations on points of communication for the antenna identified as Ex-Ku.

Please note that the special temporary authority that allowed Telenor to operate this call sign prior to the modification grant that we now set aside was dismissed on March 16, 2004. Accordingly, Telenor no longer has Commission authority to operate call sign WB 36 as modified by our Order of March 16, 2003, effective immediately.

In order to avoid causing inconvenience to Telenor's customers affected by our action to set aside this modification, we grant Special Temporary Authority to Telenor to continue operating its license as modified by our grant of March 16, 2004 for an additional thirty days, until May 13, 2004.³ We instruct Telenor to use this time to either file an amendment to the

¹ Satellite Communications Services Information RE: Actions Taken, *Public Notice*, Report No. SES-00587 (rel. March 17, 2004), at pp. 22-24.

² *Id.*, at p. 42.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(1).

now-pending SES MOD 20031119 01678 that will allow grant of a license conforming to our rules and policies, or make arrangements with any affected customers to acquire service from another carrier.

Please contact the undersigned at (202) 418-2343 with any questions.

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