

February 19, 2010

Kathryn Medley
Chief, Engineering Branch
Satellite Division
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Supplemental Information – SES-MOD-20090921-01198, Call Sign E080190

Dear Ms. Medley:

Americom Government Services, Inc. (“AGS”) hereby supplements the above-referenced application to modify its E080190 earth station license. Specifically, AGS clarifies that it is seeking an extension until 5/16/2010 of the date for completion of construction and commencement of operation of that earth station due to circumstances beyond its control.

The E080190 license was granted on 10/06/2008, which meant a construction deadline of 10/06/2009.¹ Initial delays in lease negotiations with the landlord of the premises on which the facility was to be built resulted in AGS not signing a new lease agreement until the first week of July 2009. Construction of the new AGS office space in the 5th floor of 2010 Corporate Ridge began following execution of the lease and was completed on 9/1/2009. AGS moved from the 6th floor and occupied its new offices on the 5th floor during the week of 9/5/2009. At that time, everything was going forward according to plan, and AGS was confident it could complete the installation of the antenna described in E080190 prior to 10/6/2010.

Unfortunately, on 9/9/2010, a major fire erupted on the roof of the building on which the licensed antenna was to be built. The fire fighters cut a large opening on the roof to prevent it from spreading all across and beyond the 10th floor. The large quantity of water which was used to put out the fire caused extensive damage to several of the floors beneath, including parts of the newly constructed AGS offices. One-half of the building’s commercial electrical power was shut down and a generator was placed online for several days to make-up for this shortage. Temporary electrical cables were run starting from the ground floor up and extending all the way to the roof. AGS staff was not allowed back into the building until 9/13/2009, immediately after the inspectors approved the numerous building repairs that were done.

¹ See FCC File No. SES-LIC-20080826-01103.

Following this major incident, the management of the building, as dictated by Fairfax County regulations, requested that AGS obtain a building permit for the new antenna. AGS applied for a permit from Fairfax County on 10/21/2009, and the permit was granted to AGS during the week of 12/21/2009. Shortly thereafter, AGS resumed the installation of the antenna but has encountered substantial delays due to the inclement weather conditions that this area has been undergoing since late December.

At this point, the only remaining step to make the E080190 antenna fully operational is the installation of it's transmit amplifier. AGS is confident it can accomplish this task and put this Earth Station on line by no later than 5/16/2010.

Please let me know if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Najarian".

Maurice Najarian
System Engineer