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Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554
Attn: Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

E050342 SES-STA-20051123-01638 IB2005002730
Americom Government Services, Inc.

**Re: Application for Special Temporary Authority
Call Sign E050342, SES-LIC-20051118-01607
Expedited Action Requested**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

SES Americom, Inc. (SES Americom) respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate a new Ku-band antenna for In Orbit Testing (IOT) of our geosynchronous satellite, AMC-23, which is scheduled to be launched on December 6, 2005. SES Americom has submitted an application for regular authority for the antenna, FCC Call Sign E050342, File SES-LIC-20051118-01607. SES Americom requests Special Temporary Authority pending action on that application. Authority is requested for a period of 120 days beginning no later than December 1, 2005, so that SES Americom can test the earth station and verify its performance prior to launch of the spacecraft.

Grant of the requested STA is in the public interest. SES Americom has contractor personnel from Vincor Ltd. on site and in the final stage of the installation of the new antenna. The installation will be completed ahead of schedule, and grant of the STA will permit SES Americom to perform a battery of tests to assure the accuracy of the antenna while Vincor Ltd. technicians are on-site and available to troubleshoot any unforeseen anomalies that might occur. The mission of AMC-23, a highly advanced C/Ku-band satellite, will be to provide reliable communications for US Forces Korea (USFK), as well as other government agencies and commercial customers in the Pacific Operations Region (POR). Absent the STA, performance verification and deployment of the AMC-23 spacecraft could be delayed due to the inability to perform the necessary tests while the contractor is on-site to fine-tune operation of the antenna and confirm that the IOT equipment and software are operating correctly.

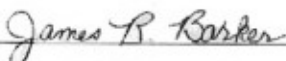
For the foregoing reasons, SES Americom respectfully requests Special Temporary authority to operate its proposed new Ku-band ground antenna in support of the IOT of AMC-23.

Please direct any correspondence regarding this application to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Call Sign E050342 Grant Date 11/28/05
(or other identifier)

Term Dates
From Dec 1, 2005 To Feb 1, 2006

Approved: 