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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Operation of Receive-Only  
Earth Station in File No. SES-STA-20090212-00172**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Northrop Grumman Space & Mission Systems Corporation ("NGAS"), this letter provides notice that NGAS intends to commence receive-only earth station operations at Redondo Beach, California under its Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") in File No. SES-STA-20090212-00172 in three business days (i.e., on April 20, 2009). Pursuant to the STA, this notice will confirm that the 30-day term of the STA commences on April 20, 2009 and ends on May 19, 2009. All operations will be in technical conformity with the STA.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen D. Baruch" followed by a stylized flourish or initials "RS".

Stephen D. Baruch  
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Mission Systems Corporation*

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