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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-20090212-00173**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Northrop Grumman Space & Mission Systems Corporation ("NGST"), this letter provides notice that NGST intends to commence receive-only earth station operations under its Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") in File No. SES-STA-20090212-00173 in three business days (i.e., on March 12, 2009). Pursuant to the STA, this notice will confirm that the 30-day term of the authorization commences on March 12, 2009 and ends on April 11, 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen D. Baruch', is written over the typed name.

Stephen D. Baruch  
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