

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of Application by)	
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SES AMERICOM, INC.)	Call Sign E050287
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For Further Special Temporary Authority to)	
Communicate with ASTRA 3A to Perform)	
TT&C During Relocation to 47.0° W.L.)	

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

By this application, SES Americom, Inc. (“SES Americom” or “SES”) respectfully requests earth station special temporary authority (“STA”) for an additional 180 days, beginning on or about January 4, 2017, to permit SES to continue using its E050287 earth station to communicate with the ASTRA 3A spacecraft in order to provide Tracking, Telemetry and Command (“TT&C”) during the planned relocation of the spacecraft from its current position at 86.85° W.L. to 47.0° W.L. SES Americom recently filed a request for 30-day STA to begin the relocation on or about December 5, 2016, but anticipates the drift will require additional time to complete.¹ This application is intended to cover the additional time required to complete the relocation maneuvers. SES Americom hereby incorporates by reference the technical description and waiver requests submitted in File No. SES-STA-INTR2016-02438.²

Grant of this STA request is in the public interest. The requested TT&C authority will facilitate the safe operation of ASTRA 3A during relocation of the spacecraft to 47.0° W.L.

¹ SES Americom, Inc., Call Sign E050287, File No. SES-STA-INTR2016-02438, filed Nov. 7, 2016.

² *Id.*

TT&C transmissions during drift of ASTRA 3A will be on a non-harmful interference basis. The drift of the spacecraft will be coordinated with other satellite operators consistent with industry practice.³

SES hereby certifies that no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

For the foregoing reasons, SES respectfully requests special temporary authority to communicate with ASTRA 3A for an additional period of up to 180 days in order to provide TT&C during relocation of the satellite, as described herein and in File No. SES-STA-INTR2016-02438. Grant of the requested authority will promote safe operation of the satellite during and after its relocation.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ The 24/7 point of contact for the proposed ASTRA 3A operations is the SES Payload Management Operations Centre (PMOC) in Woodbine, MD, 1 800 772 2363 or 1 410 970 7570; e-mail: PMOC@ses.com.