

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

In the Matter of Application by)	
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SES AMERICOM, INC.)	Call Sign E920698
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For Special Temporary Authority to)	
Communicate with ASTRA3A to Perform)	
TT&C at 87° W.L.)	

Expedited Action Requested

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

SES Americom, Inc. (“SES”) respectfully requests immediate earth station special temporary authority (“STA”) for a period of 60 days beginning no later than March 9, 2021 to permit SES to use its E920698 earth station to communicate with the ASTRA 3A spacecraft using extended and conventional Ku-band frequencies to provide Tracking, Telemetry and Command (“TT&C”) to maintain the satellite at 86.8° W.L. +/- 0.10° east/west station keeping. SES seeks an STA pending action on the application it filed on December 12, 2019 to modify the E920698 license to add an emissions designator and to add ASTRA 3A as a point of communication for TT&C.¹

As explained in the Modification, SES is not requesting U.S. market access or any other authorization from the Commission in relation to the non-U.S.-licensed ASTRA 3A spacecraft. Communications with ASTRA 3A will not adversely affect the operation of any adjacent satellites.

¹ SES Americom, Inc., Call Sign E920698, File No. SES-MFS-20191208-01643.

SES requests expedited processing of this application because one of two antennas currently providing TT&C for the satellite is experiencing technical issues, and SES has determined that the service must be transferred to E920698 in order to ensure stable control over the satellite.

SES respectfully requests special temporary authority to communicate with ASTRA 3A for a period of up to 60 days to provide TT&C as described herein and in the pending E920698 license modification. Grant of the requested authority will serve the public interest by promoting safe operation of the satellite.

Respectfully submitted,

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