

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

By this application, SES Americom, Inc. (“SES”) respectfully requests reinstatement and a 60-day extension of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) it received 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.<sup>1</sup>

In December SES requested a 60-day STA for these TT&C operations pending action on a simultaneously filed modification application.<sup>2</sup> The STA was granted on December 9, 2019, but SES belatedly realized that the authorization was only valid for 30 days rather than the 60 days requested. As a result of this oversight, SES did not timely file a request to extend the authority and the STA expired on January 9, 2020. Upon realizing the error, SES immediately contacted the FCC earth station licensing division to report the lapse and filed this request.

Authorizing SES to continue to use its E920698 earth station to provide TT&C for the ASTRA 3A satellite is in the public interest because it will ensure safe operation of the satellite at the 86.8° W.L. orbital location while the underlying modification application is processed. Furthermore, as noted in the Modification Application, the current operations do not and will not cause harmful interference to any other spacecraft.

For these reasons, SES respectfully requests reinstatement and a 60-day extension of its previously granted STA to communicate with ASTRA 3A to provide TT&C as described herein.

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<sup>1</sup> SES Americom, Inc., Call Sign E920698, File No. SES-STA-20191208-01666, granted Dec. 9, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> SES Americom, Inc., Call Sign E920698, File No. SES-MFS-20191208-01643, filed Dec. 8, 2019 (“Modification Application”).