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VIA MESSENGER

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

Re: Transfer of Control of HNS License Sub, Limited
IBFS File No. SES-T/C-20050829-01180
Request for Extension of Time to File Notice of Consummation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Hughes Communications, Inc., formerly known as SkyTerra Holdings, Inc. ("Hughes") and SkyTerra Communications, Inc. ("SkyTerra" and together with Hughes, the "Applicants"), parties to an application ("Application") to transfer control of HNS License Sub, Limited ("HNS, Limited"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC ("Hughes Networks") and the licensee of certain earth station authorizations used in connection with the business of providing VSAT services and manufacturing communications equipment, this letter requests an additional 60 days, until March 6, 2006, to consummate the *pro forma* transfer of control of HNS, Limited from SkyTerra to Hughes. The earth station authorizations affected by the Application are listed on Exhibit 1, attached hereto. The Applicants also request that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") update its records to reflect that SkyTerra Holdings, Inc. has changed its name to Hughes Communications, Inc.

The Application described a two-step transaction pursuant to which SkyTerra would first transfer to Hughes its 50% controlling membership interest in Hughes Networks ("Step One") and then distribute the stock of Hughes to stockholders and warrant holders of SkyTerra stock ("Step Two"). The Applicants intend to complete Step One of the transaction on or before December 31, 2005. However, consummation of Step Two of the transaction is subject to the approval of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Although the Applicants submitted with the SEC the requisite materials for approval of Step Two on December 5, 2005, the SEC has not yet approved Step Two.

On September 7, 2005, the Commission consented to the *pro forma* transfer of control of HNS, Limited. Pursuant to Section 25.119(f) of the Commission's rules, transfers of control

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must be completed within 60 days from the date of authorization. However, on November 8, 2005, the Commission extended the deadline for consummating the transaction described in the Application to January 6, 2006. Because the SEC has not yet approved Step Two, a circumstance outside the control of the Applicants, the Applicants require additional time to consummate the transaction, which the Applicants intend to consummate upon receipt of SEC approval. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request an additional 60 days to consummate the transfer of control as described in the Application.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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Exhibit 1
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Earth Station Authorizations

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E000362
E010187
E020195
E020205
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