THE U.S. C-BAND TRANSITION IS COMPLEX AND WELL UNDERWAY

PLANNING

SES will finalize the plans to transition approximately 200 services from 500 to 200 MHz of C-band spectrum.



File plan with FCC



File updated plan with FCC



Set up a database to ensure efficient roll-out and accurate accounting



Partner with industry groups to understand their questions and share best practices



Outreach to ensure all Incumbent Earth Stations accessing SES satellites have been accounted for



Outreach to earth station operators to schedule equipment installation by SES-hired teams

SATELLITES

SES will launch four new satellites to guarantee sufficient capacity for current customers and ensure the continuity and quality of existing services.



Manufacture the satellites



Launch the satellites



Raise the satellites to their testing orbital locations



Complete testing



Move the satellites to their final orbital locations and initiate service on the satellites



Migrate services from old satellites to new satellites



PREPARATION

SES will establish the platform necessary to transition services—including TV and radio distribution and data network ecosystems—safely and seamlessly.



Hire U.S. companies to help install/retune ground equipment



Hire U.S. companies to build satellites necessary to transition customers



Hire U.S. companies to launch satellites



Hire U.S. companies to build Gateway and TT&C Systems



ON-THE-GROUND

Per the Report & Order and customer discussions, SES will ensure the relevant customers' ground stations are correctly pointed and tuned, have upgraded compression technology where required, and have filters installed to protect customers against interference from new 5G services.



Deploy teams to earth stations to install antenna equipment and filters



Establish a Help Desk for earth station concerns



Install antennas and satellite ground control equipment at telemetry, tracking and control ("TT&C") locations to ensure continued safe satellite operations



Consolidate gateway services to allow ongoing receipt of international video content and to support valuable data services



Begin customer migrations



ROLLOUT OF 5G in 46 top U.S. markets as early as December 2021 and to all Americans in continental U.S. by December 2023



AND PROTECTION OF EXISTING
TV AND RADIO SERVICES
delivered via C-band to nearly

120 million homes

