

July 07, 2021

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Updated Transition Plan of SES Americom, Inc.
*Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band, GN Docket No. 18-122; Eligible
Satellite Operator Transition Plans for the 3.7-4.2 GHz Band, GN Docket No. 20-173***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SES Americom, Inc. (“SES”) hereby provides an update to its C-band transition plan (“July 2021 Transition Plan”) as directed by the Federal Communications Commission’s June 23, 2021 Public Notice.¹ The updates account for recent changes to the Incumbent Earth Station list, as announced by the International Bureau on June 22, 2021,² as well as refinements that SES has made to its prior transition plan, filed October 28, 2020 (“October 2020 Transition Plan”).³

Specifically, SES has updated the services identified for transition in Appendix B of its October 2020 Transition Plan, as well as the Incumbent Earth Stations that will be transitioned by SES, identified in Appendix C. The changes reflect updates arising from the updated Incumbent Earth Station List, SES’s continued outreach to its affected customers, as well as its on-site visits to associated Incumbent Earth Stations, as described in the July 2021 Transition Plan. Appendix C also provides the status of each Incumbent Earth Station included in the October 2020 Transition Plan, while Appendix B indicates whether the specific service has been transitioned to date.

¹ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Opens Window For Eligible C-Band Satellite Operators To Account For Updates in Their Transition Plans*, Public Notice, GN Docket Nos. 18-122 & 20-173, DA 21-736 (rel. June 23, 2021).

² *International Bureau Releases Updated List of Incumbent Earth Stations in the 3.7-4.2 GHz Band in the Contiguous United States*, IB Docket No. 20-205, GN Docket No. 20-305, Public Notice, DA 21-731 (rel. June. 22, 2021).

³ Letter from Brian D. Weimer, Counsel, SES Americom, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket Nos. 18-122 & 20-173 (filed Oct. 28, 2020).

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Additionally, SES has updated the transition timeline identified in Appendix E to reflect its expected Phase I transition completion date of August 31, 2021. SES has also included the status of its transition plan implementation, as previously reported in its Quarterly Reports.⁴ In all cases, SES has provided an explanation for the changes made to the October 2020 Transition Plan.

SES looks forward to continued success in implementing its July 2021 Transition Plan and the smooth transition of the C-band. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brian D. Weimer

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Attachments

⁴ See Letter from Petra A. Vorwig, Vice President, Legal & Regulatory Affairs, SES Americom, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket Nos. 18-122 & 20-173 (filed June 28, 2021); Letter from Petra A. Vorwig, Vice President, Legal & Regulatory Affairs, SES Americom, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket Nos. 18-122 & 20-173 (filed Mar. 26, 2021); Letter from Brian Weimer, Counsel, SES Americom, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket Nos. 18-122 and 20-173 (filed Dec. 31, 2020); Letter from Petra A. Vorwig, Vice President, Legal & Regulatory Affairs, SES Americom, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket Nos. 18-122 and 20-173 (filed Dec. 29, 2020).