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VIA ECFS

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

Ms. Dortch:

Re: Ex Parte Presentation -- GN Docket No. 12-354

On February 11, 2012, representatives of SES S.A. and SES Americom, Inc. (collectively, “SES”) met with FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski; Renee Gregory, Legal Advisor to the Chairman; and Mindel De La Torre, Chief of the International Bureau. Attending on behalf of SES were Romain Bausch, Chief Executive Officer; Kim Baum, Vice President, Spectrum Management & Development Americas; and Daniel C.H. Mah, Regulatory Counsel.

SES expressed its concern that the United States may support the introduction of International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) or other mobile broadband services in the 3400-4200 MHz (“C-band”) at the ITU World Radio Conference in 2015 (WRC-15). SES understands that the Commission is exploring the possibility of “sharing” between existing satellite earth stations and new “small cell” mobile devices in a portion of the extended C-band (3550-3650 MHz). However, this portion of the C-band is somewhat unique in the U.S. because earth station deployments have been limited historically due to the presence of U.S. government radars. Other parts of the C-band are used much more extensively for a wide range of satellite services, including broadcast and cable distribution within the United States and abroad. In other parts of the world, even the extended C-band is used extensively. A copy of the slides that SES left behind outlining satellite use of C-band is attached as Exhibit 1. Thus, even if “sharing” with small cells is feasible in the 3550-3650 MHz within the U.S., SES urged the Commission not to support the introduction of IMT and other mobile broadband services in all parts of the C-band (3400-4200 MHz) in all parts of the world.
Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Exhibit

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