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

Re: SES Americom, Inc. Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation, GN Docket No. 17-183

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 13, 2017, Gerry Oberst, President of SES Americom, Inc. ("SES"), Kimberly Baum, Vice President, Spectrum Management & Development Americas, SES, and the undersigned outside counsel to SES met to discuss the above-captioned proceeding with Rachael Bender, Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai. The discussion covered a number of points raised by SES and by the Satellite Industry Association in their comments in this docket.

In particular, SES explained that satellite operations in C-band spectrum provide critical service to customers, including delivering video and audio programming nationwide with near-perfect reliability to headends that serve cable operators and other multichannel video programming distributors ("MVPDs"). SES emphasized that C-band satellite service has unique advantages over other satellite spectrum and fiber. SES noted that C-band satellites allow small rural cable companies to receive the same diverse programming packages and advanced offerings, such as Ultra High Definition service, that are available to the largest urban MVPDs.

In addition, SES noted that the Commission's earth station database does not accurately reflect the full population of C-band satellite users, as the record demonstrates that there are thousands of unregistered receive-only earth stations whose locations are unknown. We discussed possible ways to gather information regarding these earth stations and encourage parties to register by reducing or waiving fees and streamlining the requirements for registration.

Please address any questions regarding these matters to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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