

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of the Commission's Policies and Rules for Processing Applications in the Direct Broadcast Satellite Service)	IB Docket No. 06-160
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Feasibility of Reduced Orbital Spacing for Provision of Direct Broadcast Satellite Service in the United States)	Report No. SPB-196
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To: The Commission		

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SES Americom, Inc. ("SES Americom"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, hereby requests that the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of reply comments in the above captioned proceeding by two weeks, until January 25, 2007. The requested brief extension is supported by good cause, as it will enable parties to the proceeding to provide a more complete record for the Commission's review.

Initial comments in this proceeding were filed on December 12, and several parties included in their comments lengthy technical appendices relating to the proposals for operation of Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") systems at reduced orbital spacing. SES Americom has requested U.S. market access for a DBS satellite to be placed at 105.5° W.L. and therefore has a strong interest in the outcome of this rulemaking. SES Americom seeks a short extension of the reply period to permit it to analyze and respond comprehensively to the

arguments made in the comments, ensuring that the Commission will be supplied with a full record to consider the important policy and technical issues raised in this proceeding. Preparing a complete response by the scheduled reply date will be difficult, particularly as many of the company's staff people responsible for preparation and review of the reply comments are scheduled to be on end of year leave during the current reply period.

Grant of the requested extension will not prejudice any party to the proceeding. Counsel for SES Americom has advised each of the commenting parties of its intention to seek an extension, and no party has objected to a two-week delay of the reply comment deadline.

SES Americom recognizes that requests for extensions of time are not routinely granted. 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a). Here, however, an extension of time to prepare and file reply comments in this proceeding is in the public interest to allow interested parties to more fully evaluate and address the initial comments in this proceeding and build a more complete record to assist the Commission in this important matter. Accordingly, SES Americom respectfully requests that the Commission extend the reply comment date in this proceeding by two weeks, to January 25, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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