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**Re: Commencement of Operations of AMC-23 at 172° E.L.
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

SES Americom, Inc. ("SES Americom"), by its attorneys, hereby advises the Commission that the AMC-23 C/Ku-band hybrid spacecraft is fully operational at 172° E.L. effective February 15, 2006, in accordance with the authorization granted in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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