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Via Hand Delivery

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: General Electric Capital Corporation and SES Global S.A.
Application for Consent to Transfer of Control

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of General Electric Capital Corporation ("GE Capital") and SES Global S.A. ("SES Global"), we hereby submit an original and nine copies of an application for consent to transfer control from GE Capital to SES Global of space station, earth station and microwave licenses and Section 214 authority held by GE American Communications, Inc. ("GE Americom") and Columbia Communications Corporation ("Columbia Communications").

The application consists of a narrative application (describing the applicants, the proposed transaction and the public interest benefits), and the following five attachments to the narrative application:

- 1) Attachment A -- FCC Form 312 requesting authority to transfer control of earth station licenses held by GE Americom;
- 2) Attachment B -- five FCC Form 312s requesting authority to transfer control of VSAT licenses held by GE Americom;
- 3) Attachment C -- FCC Form 312 requesting authority to transfer control of space station licenses held by GE Americom;
- 4) Attachment D -- FCC Form 312 requesting authority to transfer control of space station licenses held by Columbia Communications; and
- 5) Attachment E -- an application requesting authority to transfer control of Section 214 authority held by GE Americom.

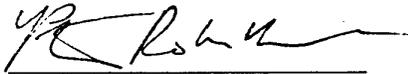
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Simultaneously with the filing of this application, GE Capital and SES Global are filing electronically, via the Commission's Universal Licensing System, a FCC Form 603 requesting authority to transfer control of microwave licenses held by GE Americom. Additionally, GE Americom is filing manually, under separate cover, a FCC Form 602 ownership report.

FCC Form 159 is attached to the enclosed filing, and the requisite filing fee of \$226,705, has been submitted by wire transfer.

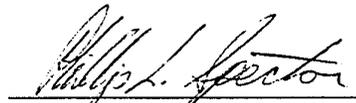
If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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