Tax Map/Block/Parcel

No. 76-5-241

Building Permit/Zoning Certificate No. <u>02-1742</u>

Case 4691

OFFICIAL DECISION BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPLICANT:

SES Americom, Inc.

Four Research Way

Princeton, NJ 08540-6684

ATTORNEY:

William R. MacDonald

REQUEST:

An application for an expansion of an existing non-conforming use by an additional five acres±, and the installation of 18 additional antennas over a 15-year period as well as the necessary service roads, equipment buildings and associated support structures.

LOCATION:

The site is located at 2323 Grimville Road, Woodbine, MD 21771, on property zoned "A" Agricultural District in Election District 14.

BASIS:

Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Chapter 223-9 A (1)

HEARING HELD:

June 25, 2002

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On June 25, 2002, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear the request for an expansion of an existing non-conforming use by an additional five acres±, and for the permission for the installation of 18 additional antennas over a 15-year period with the necessary service roads, equipment buildings and associated support structures. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board made the following findings and conclusion:

The Applicant is seeking approval for a 15-year development plan for the expansion of its existing non-conforming satellite earth station at 2223 Grimville Road, Mt. Airy. The site is approximately 26 acres, and the topography renders it remote and unobtrusive. Currently there are 20 antennas on site, with supporting infrastructure that occupies approximately 8 acres of the site. The 15-year plan calls for an additional 18 antennas with additional associated supporting structures and buildings, which will occupy approximately 5 additional acres.

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The Board finds that the proposed expansion as delineated in Exhibit #3 submitted at the hearing will not adversely affect the neighborhood and is a logical expansion of an existing use. It will not affect traffic or property values or generate smoke, gas, fumes or glare. The approval is conditioned on tree and landscape screening being installed in accordance with the plan submitted as Exhibit #3.

Karl V. Reichlin, Chairman

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