

# INTERCONNECTION / PBS PROGRAMMING 2008-2009 TRANSITION PLAN

(this is a high-level plan and subject to change)

version 1 – July 3, 2008

July

August

September

October

November

December

January

Feb

Phases

August 8  
SES's AMC-21 scheduled to launch  
Once this really happens the  
transition schedule will begin to  
solidify rapidly

Transition to AMC-21

PBS, uplinkers, & stations  
prepare for HD transition

Transition to HD-NPS

PBS/  
Distributors

NGIS: Uplinkers  
assess readiness  
to swing dishes  
and uplink HD

NGIS: PBS /  
Regional Uplinks  
plan channel  
lineup transition

NGIS:  
PBS,  
Regional  
Uplinks up  
on AMC-  
21

Stations

NGIS: Stations  
finalize plans for dish  
move to AMC-21.

HD: Stations begin planning for HD  
NPS transition.

NGIS: Stations  
swing to AMC-21

HD: Stations finalize planning and  
prepare systems for new channel  
lineup and  
HD NPS

HD: Stations transition to new lineup and HD-NPS.

Analog Shutoff

HD: PBS will release initial plan for  
video format / downconversion

**7/15/2008**  
**If you will not be ready to reposition your  
dish for AMC-21 by 9/1/09... you must  
notify Bob Ham (703-739-7532) ASAP!**  
**[actual swing will likely be early October]**

HD: PBS will release specs for December services  
(audio, DialNorm, video)

AMC-21: PBS will provide "Checking Your Dish Centerline"

**All interconnection services  
replicated from AMC-3 to AMC-21.  
Same programming available on  
both. Time to move to AMC-21!**

Existing SD NPS Time Zone  
soft feeds (501-504)  
temporarily replicated to T21.

**AMC-3 capacity returned to vendor.  
If you haven't switched to AMC-21,  
you're off the air!**

- DT2A becomes HD-X East
- HD-XP West established on T22
- HD Soft feeds move to T24
- 501-504 no longer on T24

**SD feeds of 501-504  
on AMC-21 T21 and  
on AMC-1 end.**

HD: PBS will provide upgraded software and  
profiles for Sencore IRDs to support the HD NPS

HD: PBS will release final plan for video  
format / downconversion

AMC-21: PBS will provide station & distributor  
documentation for the AMC-21 transition

Unless clearly specified, dates are approximate

## LEGEND

AMC-21	HD NPS
Useful Info	<b>URGENT!</b>