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RE: CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST **FCC ID K3Y-38SL-001**
Applicant: Hughes Network Systems
Correspondence Reference Number: 12308
731 Confirmation Number: EA96312
Date of Original E-Mail: 02/23/2000

Dear Mr. Coperich

I would like to address two of the questions that have been requested in your correspondence letter No: 12308 dated 02/23/2000.

1. Confidentiality Request

The part of the above application has been requested confidentiality. The reason for this is that two exhibits (EXHIBIT 5 & EXHIBIT 8) contain detailed schematics that could lead to technology patent disclosure. The technology is very new and therefore all precautions have to be taken to keep this information confidential from public access.

2. Antenna Gain used in HUB unit

The SUB antenna gain is 40.5 dBi.

Thank you, for accepting our request.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rymkiewicz".

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