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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

Re:

AST, Telecom, LLC

ISP-PDR-20061004-00014

TEL-01081NS

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), along with the Department of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) defer action on the request for declaratory ruling allowing indirect foreign ownership in excess of 25% in the AWS license in the above-captioned matter. The DOJ, FBI, and DHS ("the agencies") are currently reviewing such matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, but have not yet completed that effort. See generally, In the matter of Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market, 12 F.C.C. Rcd. 23,891, ¶ 63 (November 26, 1997). We are therefore requesting that the Commission defer action until such time as the agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their review and, based on the results of such review, request appropriate action by the Commission.

DOJ, FBI, and DHS will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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