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

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: AST Telecom, LLC
ISP-PDR-20080401-00006

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), requests that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") defer action on the above-referenced petition for declaratory ruling allowing indirect foreign ownership of AST in excess of 25% for the license won in Auction No. 73. DOJ, DHS, and FBI ("the Agencies") are currently reviewing such matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request 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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