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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Request to Dismiss without Prejudice**
New Skies Networks, Inc., Application for Authority Pursuant to
Section 214 of the Act to Operate as an International Facilities-
Based Carrier and an International Resale Carrier in Conjunction
with a Non-U.S. Licensed Satellite System
File No. ITC-214-19991110-00771

Dear Ms. Salas:

New Skies Networks, Inc. ("NSNI") hereby respectfully requests the dismissal without prejudice of the above-captioned application. NSNI, a Delaware corporation, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of New Skies, a Dutch registered company providing a variety of international voice, video, data and other broadband telecommunications services. NSNI, together with MCA Research Corporation, recently filed an application to assign an earth station license from MCA Research to NSNI. That assignment application was approved by the Commission on January 24, 2000, and NSNI will be the new licensee of that earth station once the underlying transaction with MCA Research has been consummated. In connection with that assignment application, the above-captioned application was filed with the Commission on November 10, 1999. However, because it is now apparent that NSNI will not be a common carrier and does not anticipate providing common carrier services in the near future, no Section 214 authorization is required for NSNI to operate the earth station. Although MCA Research is authorized to provide international common carrier services, it is not currently providing such services at the earth station facility that is the subject of the transaction with NSNI. Therefore, NSNI can continue to operate the earth station as it is currently being operated by MCA Research without a Section 214 authorization.

Based on the foregoing, NSNI hereby requests that the Commission dismiss the above-captioned application without prejudice.

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Please direct any questions you have regarding this Request to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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