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**RE: Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC
Voluntary Surrender of Licenses for Satellites at
62°W and 139°W Orbital Locations**

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC (“MSV”) hereby voluntarily surrenders its licenses for first-generation satellites at the 62°W and 139°W orbital locations.¹ As the Commission has acknowledged, it “has not been able to coordinate sufficient L-band spectrum for AMSC [the predecessor to MSV] to support a three satellite U.S. system.”²

In 1995, MSV’s predecessor, American Mobile Satellite Corporation (“AMSC”), launched its first satellite (“AMSC-1”) into orbit at 101°W in full compliance with the Commission’s milestones. AMSC planned to use the satellites at the 62°W and 139°W orbital locations as “wing” satellites for its first-generation MSS system. MSV continues to believe that a multiple-satellite system is essential to provide the most reliable service possible in the L-band.

¹In 1989, the Commission authorized MSV’s predecessor, American Mobile Satellite Corporation (“AMSC”), to construct, launch, and operate a first-generation Mobile Satellite Service (“MSS”) system using frequencies in the L-band from three space stations located at 62°W, 101°W, and 139°W. *See Memorandum Opinion, Order and Authorization*, 4 FCC Rcd 6041 (1989), *Final Decision on Remand*, 7 FCC Rcd 266 (1992), *aff’d sub nom., Aeronautical Radio, Inc. v. FCC*, 983 F.2d 275 (D.C. Cir. 1993). The first-generation satellites at the 62°W and 139°W orbital locations were authorized to use feeder link frequencies in the 11.7-11.8 GHz and 14.0-14.1 GHz bands. *See Memorandum Opinion, Order and Authorization*, 4 FCC Rcd 6041, ¶ 76. MSV has requests pending at the Commission for extensions of the milestones applicable to its satellites at 62°W and 139°W. The latest request was filed on March 1, 1996. *See File No. SAT-AMD-19960301-00041 and -00042*. These requests are now moot.

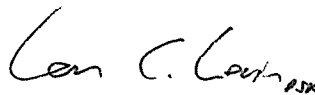
²*AMSC Subsidiary Corporation, Order and Authorization*, 13 FCC Rcd 12316, ¶ 15 (March 13, 1998); *see id.* at ¶ 2 (noting that AMSC “has yet to launch another satellite, and international coordination problems may preclude it from operating additional satellites on the currently authorized frequencies”).

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Nothing in this letter is intended to affect MSV's right to deploy a multiple-satellite next-generation replacement L-band system.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lon C. Levin" with a small "ASK" written at the end of the line.

Lon C. Levin
Vice President

cc: Jennifer Gilsenan, FCC
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