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VIA FACSIMILE (202-719-7049) AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Peter Shields
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Re: Iridium 2GHz LLC
File Nos. 187-SAT-P/LA-97(96), IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-19970926-00147;
SAT-AMD-20001103-00156; SAT-MOD-20030828-00286

Dear Mr. Shields:

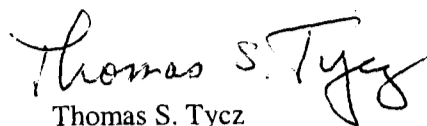
The Satellite Division is currently assessing Iridium 2GHz LLC's (Iridium) compliance with the Commission's 2 GHz Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) Critical Design Review (CDR) milestone. We acknowledge receipt of Iridium's December 18, 2003 submission, which included payload subsystem material for CDR, a December 16, 2003 letter from Boeing Satellite Systems (BSS) confirming that Iridium has made all payments due, and a copy of the "Amendment to Agreement No. 1" (Amended Agreement) of Iridium's satellite manufacturing contract with BSS. Based on our review of the materials submitted, we request the following additional information in connection with the CDR milestone and Iridium's continued progress toward satellite construction.¹

- 1) Evidence of payments (such as cancelled checks) that have been made pursuant to Article 4.2.2.1 of the Amended Agreement, specifically showing the dates and amounts of those payments, and if none, an explanation as to when Iridium plans to make such payments;
- 2) A copy of any and all further amendments to the Amended Agreement executed as of the date of this letter, specifically (but not limited to) a copy of the payment schedule discussed in Article 4.5 and Exhibit B of the Amended Agreement; and
- 3) Evidence that BSS purchased the long lead materials required to begin construction of Iridium's 2 GHz MSS satellite by the date set forth in Exhibit C of the Amended Agreement.

¹ See The Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Mobile Satellite Service in the 2 GHz Band, *Report and Order*, FCC 00-302, 15 FCC Rcd 16127, 16178 ¶ 108 (2000) ("we retain discretion to seek additional information from system proponents concerning any aspect of system progress"); see also Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies, Mitigation of Orbital Debris, *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in IB Docket No. 02-34*, and *First Report and Order in IB Docket No. 02-54*, FCC 03-102, 18 FCC Rcd 10760, 10833 ¶ 191 (2003) ("[T]he Commission retains discretion to require licensees to provide further information").

This information must be filed with the Commission's Secretary by April 5, 2004, with an electronic or hand delivered courtesy copy to Karl Kensinger, Karl.Kensinger@fcc.gov. Failure to provide this information by this date shall render Iridium's 2 GHz MSS license null and void. You may contact Karl Kensinger at (202) 418-0749 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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