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Re: File No. 189-SAT-LOI-97
IBFS Nos. SAT-LOI-19970926-00161
SAT-AMD-20001103-00158
SAT-MOD-20021114-00237
SAT-ASG-20021211-00238

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

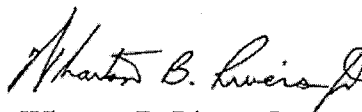
I am writing to follow up on my letter to you on December 22, 2003. In that letter, I requested you meet with TerreStar's Canadian counsel, Kirsten Embree, to facilitate your review of the international issues raised in our case and in which you had expressed interest in our meeting of December 17, 2003. Ms. Embree has expertise in international and trade law matters, and she is very knowledgeable of how these issues relate to the TMI/TerreStar case.

While not directly related to our case, perhaps you have seen press coverage of the European Union Report on U.S. Barriers to Trade & Investment. When dealing with satellite matters, the report raises questions about the compatibility of U.S. domestic procedures with the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS). The report further concludes: "These cases show that proceedings by the FCC on spectrum allocation and licensing are not always carried out in an objective, transparent, timely and non-discriminatory manner, and they have raised concerns regarding their compatibility with U.S. WTO commitments." These same concerns were raised in Ms. Embree's opinion that we submitted to the Commission October 29, 2003, in response to concerns raised by another Commission office. My letter to Jennifer Manner on December 3, 2003, also raised concerns about the International Bureau's decision and its incompatibility with U.S. WTO commitments.

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In view of these ongoing and additional concerns about the international ramifications of Bureau decisions, I again urge you to meet with Kirsten Embree to discuss these matters.

Sincerely,



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