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**Via Hand Delivery**  
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Application for Authority to Launch and Operate a Replacement L-band  
Mobile Satellite Service Satellite at 101°WL (Call Sign S2358)**

File No. SAT-LOA-19980702-00066

File No. SAT-AMD-20001214-00171

File No. SAT-AMD-20010302-00019

File No. SAT-AMD-20031118-00335

File No. SAT-AMD-20040209-00014


File No. SAT-AMD-20040928-00192

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 2, 2004, Carson Agnew, Dick Evans, and Lon Levin of Mobile Satellite Ventures LP ("MSV LP"), and the undersigned, on behalf of MSV LP, met with William Bell, Robert Nelson, Cassandra Thomas, and Tom Tycz of the International Bureau to discuss MSV's above-referenced pending satellite application. In particular, MSV described the current effort to work with Mobile Satellite Ventures (Canada) Inc., its Canadian partner, and Industry Canada, the Canadian regulator, to harmonize the design of their respective next-generation satellites. As with the current generation satellites, it is anticipated that the two satellites will be identical and will provide in-orbit redundancy for each other. MSV proposed to report back to the Bureau by mid-January.

Please contact me if there are any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,



Bruce D. Jacobs

cc: William Bell  
Robert Nelson  
Cassandra Thomas  
Thomas Tycz  
Pantelis Michalopoulos, counsel for Echostar