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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Satellite Policy Branch
International Bureau

Re: **Application of KaStarCom World Satellite, LLC**
(FCC File No. SAT-AMD-20010607-00050)

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is written on behalf of TRW Inc. ("TRW") in response to the Commission's June 19, 2001 *Public Notice* with respect to the above-referenced application of KaStarCom World Satellite, LLC ("KaStarCom"). In its application, KaStarCom states that its preferred orbital locations for assignment in the second Ka-band processing round are 73° W.L. (500 MHz of additional spectrum) and 109.2° W.L. (500 MHz of additional spectrum), and 111° W.L. (new authorization for 1000 MHz).

TRW has no objection to the assignment to KaStarCom of the orbital locations and spectrum for which it has expressed a preference. Indeed, TRW believes that adoption of an orbital assignment plan for the second Ka-band round that includes these assignments to KaStarCom would be consistent with the public interest, and would assist in the resolution of assignment issues in the round.

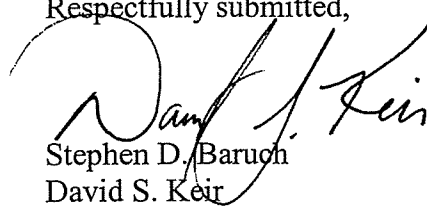
TRW does have a particular interest, however, with respect to one aspect of KaStarCom's request. TRW is an applicant in the current Ka-band round for the 113° W.L. orbital location, two degrees from KaStarCom's preferred location at 111° W.L. In the event that KaStarCom is granted use of the 111° W.L. slot, it must be prepared to coordinate its use with other operators in this portion of the orbital arc, so that the short spacing proposed between 109.2° W.L. and 111° W.L. does not unreasonably impinge upon the use of the 113° W.L. location. So long as this requirement is acknowledged at the outset, assignment of the 111° W.L. slot to KaStar should facilitate

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successful coordination by placing the short-spaced orbital locations at 109.2° W.L. and 111° W.L. in the hands of the same licensee.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Keir". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

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