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Re: Application of Hughes Network Systems, Inc. for
Authority to launch and operate an NGSO system in the Ka-band
SAT-LOA-19971222-00210; SAT-AMD-20020722-00125 (S2337)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed on behalf on Hughes Network Systems, Inc. is a letter withdrawing the
above-referenced application.

An original and one copy are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Janka

- cc: Jennifer M. Gilsonan (FCC)
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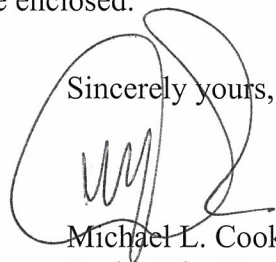
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hughes Network Systems, Inc. ("HNS") hereby withdraws the above-referenced application. Recent fundamental changes in the Commission's satellite licensing rules, as well as an impending ITU deadline, make it infeasible for HNS to continue to prosecute this application as applied for, or to implement the proposed system within the relevant time period.

An original and one copy are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,



Michael L. Cook
Senior Vice President

cc: Ms. Jennifer Gilsonan