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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Oral Ex Parte Presentation in File Nos. SAT-AMD-20040312-00030, -00031, -00032, -00033, and -00034

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter provides notice that, on April 12, 2004, Peter J. Hadinger of Northrop Grumman Space & Mission Systems Corp. ("NGST") and the undersigned met with Thomas Tycz, Jennifer Gilson, Robert Nelson, Andrea Kelly, Alyssa Roberts, JoAnn Lucanik, John Martin, and Jay Whaley of the Commission's International Bureau to discuss matters pertaining to NGST's five above-referenced amendments to its pending applications for a hybrid Ka-band/V-band geostationary and non-geostationary orbit fixed-satellite service system. The application proceeding has been designated to be a permit-but-disclose proceeding for *ex parte* purposes in Ka-band, and is not presently subject to *ex parte* restrictions in V-band.

NGST's representatives described the five amendments in detail, particularly with respect to the orbital and spectrum plans for the combined system, and set forth how the filings changed the proposals NGST initially made for Ka-band and V-band in its 1997 applications. NGST's representatives also addressed questions and provided information pertaining to the procedural posture of the applications, as amended, and addressed the International Telecommunication Union filing considerations associated with the system filings.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter are provided for inclusion in each of the five above-referenced application proceedings.

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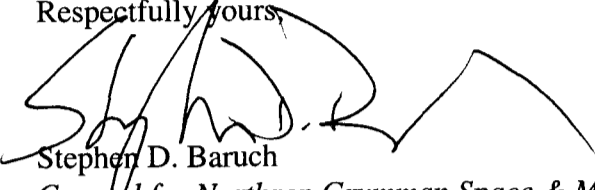
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Please address any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully yours,



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