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Via ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: Ex Parte Filing – Petition for Reconsideration by AtContact Communications, LLC, of International Bureau *Order* DA 09-1850, Call Signs S2346, S2680, S2681, S2682, and S2683

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 26, 2010, the undersigned counsel for AtContact Communications, LLC ("AtContact") met with Austin Schlick, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Priya Aiyar, Legal Advisor for Wireline Competition and International Issues, Office of Chairman Julius Genachowski; Roderick Porter, Deputy Chief, International Bureau; and Fern Jarmulnek, Deputy Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau, regarding AtContact's pending Petition for Reconsideration of the International Bureau's *Order* nullifying AtContact's satellite space station licenses.

AtContact summarized the contents of that petition. In addition, AtContact pointed to three pertinent factors worth emphasizing in this proceeding. They are: the policy importance of endowing remote Alaska and other areas with broadband service; the recognition of the hurricane-strength financial crisis that has thwarted many capital-intensive projects (but not AtContact's); and the fact that cancellation of AtContact's license is not necessary to satisfy the anti-warehousing policies informing the Commission's milestone rules, as AtContact stands in nobody's way. These factors all militate for resolving uncertain questions in favor of leniency and giving AtContact another chance. AtContact will soon make a more comprehensive submission elaborating on these questions.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), this notice is being filed electronically with a copy emailed to the Commission officials that participated in the meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

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