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Washington, D.C. 20530

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By E-File

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **AfriSpace, Inc./AfriSpace Satellite, Inc.**
SAT-ASG-20090415-00044
EB Letter - 09-23

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice (“DOJ”), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) defer action on the above-referenced applications. DOJ, DHS, and FBI (“the Agencies”) are currently reviewing these matters for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until such time as the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their review and, based on the results of such review, request appropriate action by the Commission. DOJ, FBI, and DHS will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ KATHRYN QUINN
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