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RE: Mobile Communications Holdings, Inc. – milestone verification
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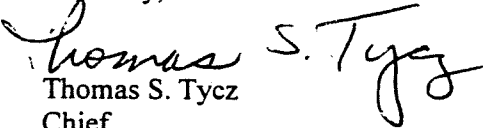
Dear Sirs:

On July 1, 1997, the Commission granted the license application of Mobile Communications Holdings, Inc. ("MCHI") for authority to construct, launch, and operate a Big LEO satellite constellation. The license order specifies implementation "milestone" deadlines and states that, unless extended for good cause, the license will become null and void in the event the licensee fails to meet any of them. The first specified milestone requirement is to commence construction of two satellites by July 1998, and the second is to commence construction of the remaining satellites by July 2000. *Mobile Communications Holdings, Inc.*, 12 FCC Rcd 9663 (1997).

The Commission requires the execution of a non-contingent construction contract to satisfy a construction commencement milestone. *See Norris Satellite Communications, Inc.*, 12 FCC Rcd 22299, 22303-04 (1997). An MCHI official declared in an affidavit filed with the Commission on June 22, 1998 that MCHI had met its first milestone requirement by entering into a non-contingent contract with The Boeing Company for construction of two satellites. On July 31, 2000 you filed an affidavit from MCHI's president certifying that MCHI had met the second milestone requirement by entering into a non-contingent contract with Teledyne Brown Engineering, Inc. for construction of additional satellites.

In order to enable the Commission to verify those representations, please submit copies of MCHI's executed contracts for satellite construction, including any amendments, by October 12, 2000, with a hand-delivered courtesy copy to William Bell of my staff. Please contact Mr. Bell at (202) 418-0741 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas S. Tycz in cursive script.

Thomas S. Tycz
Chief

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