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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: Norris Satellite Communications, Inc.
Application for Review
File Nos. 54-DSS-P/L-90
54-DSS-P-90

Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of Norris Satellite Communications, Inc. I urge you to grant the Application for Review filed in the above referenced matter.

As you are aware, Norris is a pioneer in proposing use of Ka-band satellite technology. It has expended significant time and resources in development of a satellite to be launched pursuant to the terms of its initial authorization. See *Norris Satellite Communications, Inc.*, 7 FCC Rcd 4289 (1992), recon. den. 9 FCC Rcd 7370 (1993). However, as more fully outlined in the Application for Review, it has been unable to complete the construction given the uncertainties concomitant to various pending rulemaking proceedings.

The Chief of the International Bureau rescinded Norris' authorization based on his belief that Norris' agreements with its prime contractor comprised an indefinite, contingent contract. There is, however, substantial evidence that significant payments have been made on the contract and that extensive work has been completed to date. The request for extension of milestone deadlines was also denied.

Given your history of lenience and understanding regarding the typical delays and other problems associated with such pioneering efforts, and the fact that the delays are understandable given the pending rulemaking proceedings, together with the certain harm which will result if Norris loses its priority status to recent applicants, the Commission should reinstate Norris' authorization and allow it to complete the substantial construction already in progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

P.S. I'd also like to call your attention to the fact that during this time Mr. Norris was under tremendous pressure due to the illness and eventual passing of his wife.

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