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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Hartke & Hartke
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Falls Church, VA 22043

Attention: Wayne Hartke

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Reference: Norris Satellite Communications, Inc. (Norris)

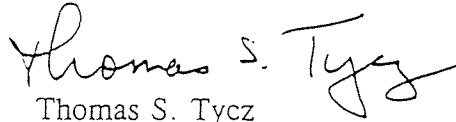
Dear Mr. Hartke:

On July 28, 1994, Norris Satellite Communications, Inc. (Norris), a domestic fixed satellite service licensee, submitted a statement indicating that the company had commenced construction of its proposed in-orbit satellite, NorStar I, in compliance with a Commission-imposed milestone deadline. See Letter from Chief, Domestic Facilities Division, Common Carrier Bureau, to Counsel, Norris Satellite Communications, Inc., dated December 10, 1993. On September 15, 1994, Teledesic Corporation (Teledesic) filed comments questioning the sufficiency of this showing of compliance. Further, Norris has not notified the Commission that it has begun to construct its on-ground spare satellite, NorStar II, in accordance with the January 1995 commencement of construction deadline for that satellite.

Section 25.210(j) of our Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.210(j) requires space station licensees to submit, on a semi-annual basis, a report documenting the status of satellite construction, and anticipated launch dates. Norris has not submitted that information regarding either NorStar I or NorStar II. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's Rules on delegated authority, Norris Satellite Communications, Inc. is ordered to submit, within 30 days of the date of this request, information relating to the status of the construction of the company's NorStar I and NorStar II satellites. To assure that the record in this proceeding is complete, and to respond to allegations raised by Teledesic, please include in your response specific information regarding satellite design, ordering system parts, financial expenditures to date related to system construction, and a statement by the satellite manufacturer indicating the date upon which it began construction of the NorStar I and II satellites.

Failure to respond to this request within 30 days will result in the cancellation of Norris's space station license, in accordance with Section 25.161(a) of our Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.161(a) and paragraph 25 of the Norris license. See In the Matter of Application of Norris Satellite Communications, Inc. Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate Communications Satellites in the Ka-Band 7 FCC Rcd. 4292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Tycz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "T" and "y".

Thomas S. Tycz
Chief, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division