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Ms. Donna R. Searcy
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

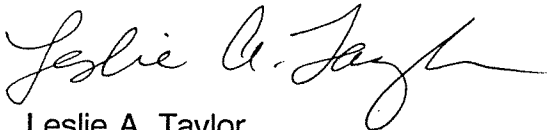
DOMESTIC FACILITIES DIVISION
SATELLITE RADIO BRANCH

Re: Application File Nos. 54-DSS-P/L-90 and 55-DSS-P-90, Norris Satellite Communications, Inc., for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate Satellites in the Domestic Fixed-Satellite Service

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Please associate the attached letter with the above-referenced files.

Sincerely yours,



Leslie A. Taylor

Attachment



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SPACEPORT FLORIDA AUTHORITY

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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April 16, 1991

Mr. John H. Norris
Chief Executive Officer
Norris Satellite Communications, Inc.
450 Norwood Street
Merritt Island, Florida 32952

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Subject: Support for Norstar Satellite Program

Dear Mr. Norris:

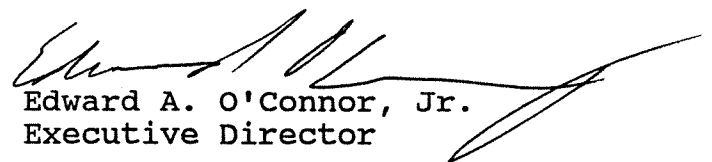
Thank you for taking the time recently to brief the Spaceport Florida Authority on the Norstar program and its great potential for commercial Ka band communications and technology development. As the agency responsible for space-related economic, technological, and educational development, the Spaceport Authority is very supportive of your efforts.

Norstar's operational feasibility will be greatly enhanced by NASA's Advanced Communications Technology Satellite (ACTS) Ka band applied demonstration research, and will be further supported by the State of Florida's technology transfer agreement with NASA. In addition, we are sponsoring an initiative to establish a Florida Center for the Commercial Development of Space (CCDS) dedicated to commercial telecommunications technology which will target programs such as yours for joint NASA/industry/university support.

The Spaceport Florida Authority is authorized to issue municipal revenue bonds to finance space-related projects, including space flight hardware and payloads. We anticipate that Norstar will be eligible for such bonds and will explore State-assisted financing for the project.

We encourage Norstar's participation in our proposed CCDS, and we look forward to commencing in-depth discussions regarding your financial requirements as soon as possible after the project receives FCC licensing.

Sincerely,


Edward A. O'Connor, Jr.
Executive Director

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