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Attn: Satellite Policy Branch

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Re: Certification of Hughes Network Systems, Inc. (HNS)

File No. 3-DSS-P/LA-94 (S2132)
IBFS No. SAT-LOA-19931203-00040
File No. 4-DSS-P/LA-94 (S2133)
IBFS No. SAT-LOA-19931203-00041
File No. 174-SAT-P/LA-95 (S2185)
IBFS No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00125
File No. 176-SAT-P/LA-95 (S2187)
IBFS No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00127
File No. 177-SAT-P/LA-95 (S2188)
IBFS No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00128
File No. 179-SAT-P/LA-95 (S2190)
IBFS No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of HNS, and pursuant to Section 25.161(a) of the Commission's Rules, enclosed is a Certification of HNS regarding the January 31, 2003 milestone for the Spaceway GSO FSS satellite system.

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If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Gilsenan

Bruce Jacobs, Counsel to Pegasus

Certification Of Hughes Network Systems, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 25.161(a) of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission and pursuant to paragraph 25 of *Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc.*, DA 01-226 (released January 31, 2001), Hughes Network Systems, Inc. (HNS) provides this certification regarding the commencement of construction of the remaining satellites in its Spaceway GSO FSS satellite system.

HNS has previously reported in its Annual Status Reports and other filings to the Commission that a spacecraft construction contract for Spaceway has been signed and is now being fulfilled by Boeing Satellite Systems (BSS). As previously reported, actual construction of these spacecraft is underway.

On January 22, 2003, HNS submitted a request that the Commission determine that HNS has met the upcoming January 31, 2003 and August 31, 2003 interim milestones under its Spaceway Ka-band licenses. In the alternative, HNS requested that the Commission extend those interim milestones for a period of two years or waive them. HNS respectfully refers the Commission to its pending January 22 submission in which HNS states that it has complied with the interim milestones by commencing construction of the remaining licensed satellites in the Spaceway GSO FSS system.

Hughes Network Systems, Inc.

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