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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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## **BY HAND**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

PanAmSat Corporation

Withdrawal of "BSS" Application

File No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00130 (S2191) - 67° W.L.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 26, 2004, PanAmSat Corporation ("PanAmSat") filed a letter withdrawing several applications to launch and operate geostationary satellite orbit ("GSO") space stations operating on broadcast satellite service ("BSS") frequencies, including the above-referenced application for a GSO BSS satellite at 67° W.L.² PanAmSat's application originally also had included a request to launch and operate a Ka-band payload at 67° W.L. That portion of the application, however, was amended to specify 103° W.L. instead of 67° W.L. The Commission granted PanAmSat's request for Ka-band authority at 103° W.L.,³ and PanAmSat subsequently assigned its Ka-band license for 103° W.L. to Hughes Network Systems, Inc. ("HNS").⁴

It is PanAmSat's understanding that the call sign "S2191" has been associated with its BSS application for 67° W.L. The same call sign, however, apparently also has been associated with the Ka-band authorization for 103° W.L. that PanAmSat assigned to HNS. PanAmSat hereby clarifies that, with respect to S2191, PanAmSat's January 26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See original File No. 180-SAT-P/LA-95.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Three years ago, the Commission changed the file number identified in the preceding footnote to the above-referenced file numbers. *See* Report No. SPB-162 (Jan. 31, 2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA 01-949 (Apr. 17, 2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See File No. SAT-ASG-20030310-00022.

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letter only dismissed the BSS application for 67° W.L., and took no action with respect to the Ka-band license for 103° W.L. that had been assigned to HNS.

Please direct any questions concerning this letter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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