



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

International Bureau

March 1, 2002

Robert D. Horvath, Jr.
Vice President and Corporate Counsel
ASTROLINK International LLC
6701 Democracy Boulevard
Suite 1000
Bethesda, MD 20817

Re: Astrolink International LLC, Files Nos. 182 through 186-
SAT-P/LA-95 & SAT-MOD-19971222-00200.

Dear Mr. Horvath:

Thank you for your submission of a copy of the contract requested pursuant to my letter of January 28, 2002. Please note that the filing of the contract by the February 8, 2002 date should not be construed as affirmative compliance with the commencement of construction milestone set forth in Astrolink International LLC's Ka-band authorization. The International Bureau will review the contract and determine whether the contract does indeed satisfy the commencement of construction milestone requirement. The Bureau will take action, by Order, if a licensee is found not to be in compliance with this milestone requirement. If the Commission does not take such action, licensees' public files will be updated to reflect that the milestone has been met. We expect to make these determinations in the next few months.

Please contact Alyssa Roberts of my staff at (202) 418-7276 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Tycz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Thomas S. Tycz
Chief
Satellite and Radiocommunication Division