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Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: ASTROLINK International LLC
Relinquishment of Space Station and Earth Station
Licenses, Call Signs S2195, S2196, S2197 & E000727**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

ASTROLINK International LLC ("Astrolink") hereby relinquishes and abandons the above-referenced space station and earth station licenses.

Astrolink applied for and received licenses for a total of nine satellites at five orbital locations in the first Ka-band processing round.¹ Earlier this year, Astrolink submitted a modification application relinquishing two of the five orbital locations.² Astrolink now submits for cancellation the remaining space station licenses as well as its license for an earth station at Brewster, Washington, and requests that its pending applications be dismissed. After attempting without success to raise sufficient funds, Astrolink has determined that it will not complete construction of and operate the Astrolink Ka-band satellites.

¹ See File Nos. 182 through 186, SAT-P/LA-95 & SAT-MOD-19971222-00200.

² See File Nos. SAT-MOD-20030131-00008; SAT-AMD-20030327-00040, relinquishing call signs S2193 (21.5° W.L.) and S2194 (175.25° E.L.). The Commission subsequently identified these orbital locations as available for assignment to other applicants. See Public Notice, DA 03-2630, Report No. SPB-189 (rel. Aug. 12, 2003) at 3.

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In May the International Bureau granted applications seeking consent to the assignment of Astrolink's space station and earth station licenses to Astrolink Holding L.L.C. ("New Astrolink").³ However, as a result of the decision to terminate construction of the satellites, this assignment will not be consummated.

Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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³ See Report No. SAT-00150 (May 22, 2003) & Report No. SES-00502 (May 28, 2003).