



July 8, 2003

**BY HAND**

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

Re: PanAmSat Corporation  
Withdrawal of "V-band" Applications

File Nos. SAT-LOA-19970926-00129 (S2300)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00130 (S2301)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00131 (S2302)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00132 (S2303)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00133 (S2304)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00134 (S2305)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00135 (S2306)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00136 (S2307)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00137 (S2308)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00138 (S2309)  
SAT-LOA-19970926-00139 (S2310)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

PanAmSat Corporation ("PanAmSat") hereby withdraws the above-referenced applications to launch and operate fixed satellite service ("FSS") space stations in the 40/50 GHz bands ("V-band").<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See In the Matter of the Application of PanAmSat Corporation For Authority to Launch and Operate A Global Geostationary Fixed Satellite System in the 50/40 GHz Bands, File Nos. 162 to 172-SAT-P/LA-97, Sept. 26, 1997. The Commission subsequently changed the file numbers to those referenced above.

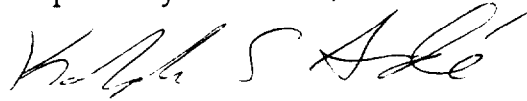
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For a variety of reasons, including fundamental changes that the Commission has made to its space station licensing rules and policies,<sup>2</sup> PanAmSat has decided to withdraw its V-band system application.<sup>3</sup>

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>2</sup> See *In re Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies*, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, IB Docket No. 02-34, FCC 03-102, ¶¶ 229-33, 275-84 (rel. May 19, 2003) ("*Space Station Licensing Reform R&O*").

<sup>3</sup> Under separate cover, PanAmSat is filing a request for a refund of the filing fees associated with its V-band applications.