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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Loral Space & Communications Ltd. Application for Authority to Launch and Operate Four GSO FSS Satellites in the V-Band: 152-SAT-P/LA-97 (SAT-LOA-19970926-00143); 153-SAT-P/LA-97 (SAT-LOA-19970926-00144); 154-SAT-P/LA-97 (SAT-LOA-19970926-00142); and 155-SAT-P/LA-97 (SAT-LOA-19970926-00145)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Loral Space & Communications Ltd. ("Loral") hereby requests that the Commission dismiss, without prejudice, its above-captioned applications for authority to launch and operate four geostationary fixed-satellite service satellites that would operate in the 40.5-41.5 GHz and 49.2-50.2 GHz bands ("V-band applications").¹ Pursuant to Section 25.152(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.152(a), dismissal of Loral's V-band applications is to be granted as a matter of right if the request is made prior to final Commission action.

Loral filed its applications almost six years ago on September 26, 1997, in response to a cut-off notice establishing a processing round for V-band applications.² Since that time, other than the routine assignment of file numbers, Loral's V-band applications have not been accepted for filing, placed on public notice or otherwise

¹ Loral is also submitting requests for refund of the application fees Loral paid in connection with these applications.

² Cut-off Established for Additional Space Station Applications and Letters of Intent in the 36 - 51.4 GHz Frequency Band, *Public Notice*, 12 FCC Rcd. 10450 (rel. July 22, 1997); Clarifications and Corrections to Public Notices Report Nos SPB-88 and SPB-89, *Public Notice*, 12 FCC Rcd 12050 (rel. Aug. 13, 1997).

processed. These delays and uncertainty surrounding the V-band spectrum allocation have led Loral to decide not to pursue these applications.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Stern". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John P. Stern

cc: Tom Tycz
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