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## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Federal Communications Commission Washington, D. C. 20554 Office of Secretary

In the Matter of	) )
Globalstar, L.P. Application to Launch and Operation a Mobile Satellite System in the 2 GHz Frequency Band	) ) File Nos. 182 186-SAT-P/LA-97 )
And	) )
Iridium, LLC Application to Launch and Operate a Low Earth Orbit Satellite System in the 2 GHz Frequency Band	) ) File No. 187-SAT-P/LA-97 ) )

## COMMENTS OF ICO SERVICES LIMITED

ICO Services Limited ("ICO"), in response to the Federal Communications

Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") Public Notice, Satellite Policy Branch

Information, Report No. SPB-106 (rel. Oct. 15, 1997) ("Notice"), submits its comments on
the above-captioned applications to the extent they request spectrum in the 28.35-28.6 GHz,
29.1-30 GHz, 18.35-18.60 GHz and 19.3-20.2 GHz frequency bands (collectively "Ka-band frequencies").

The Notice seeks comment on applications that the Commission has accepted for filing to operate in the Ka-band frequencies. The above-captioned applications of GlobalStar, L.P. and Iridium LLC were among those applications accepted for filing, although GlobalStar and Iridium plan to launch and operate mobile satellite service systems in the 2 GHz band (1990-2025 GHz and 2165-2200 GHz). The Notice indicates that both

applicants have requested feeder link spectrum in the Ka-band frequencies to operate in conjunction with their 2 GHz systems.

The Notice does not, however, specifically limit any comments on the GlobalStar or Iridium 2 GHz applications to issues in the Ka-band frequencies, *i.e.*, requests for feeder link spectrum in the Ka-band frequencies, raised by those applications. It is ICO's understanding from the staff of the International Bureau, that it was the Commission's intent at this time to limit comments on the GlobalStar and Iridium 2 GHz applications to the feeder link portions of those applications in the Ka-band frequencies. ICO does not intend to comment on GlobalStar's or Iridium's proposed feeder links in the Ka-band frequencies. ICO reserves its right, however, to comment fully on the balance of both of those applications when they are placed on public notice along with the other applications and letters of intent filed in the first 2 GHz processing round. ICO also reserves its right to comment fully on those applicants' requests for additional feeder link spectrum in other frequency bands.

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