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RE: File No. 187-SAT-P/LA-97

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to report information, pursuant to Section 1.65 of the Commission's Rules, in connection with the pending application of Iridium LLC ("Iridium") for authority to launch and operate the MACROCELL Mobile Satellite System in the 2 GHz Band (File No. 187-SAT-P/LA-97).

Specifically, Iridium hereby advises the Commission of the applicant's recent filing, together with certain related subsidiaries and affiliated companies ("related companies"), of a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code on August 13, 1999. Also, earlier on that date certain unsecured creditors of Iridium and related companies filed involuntary bankruptcy petitions against a wholly-owned subsidiary of Iridium, seeking reorganization under Chapter 11 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. On August 16, 1999, the New York Bankruptcy Court entered an order staying the Delaware proceeding. That order also allowed Iridium and its related companies to continue to operate their businesses in the ordinary course, pending further order of the court.

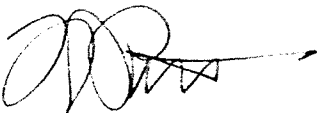
Iridium, its related companies, and the various constituencies of their creditors and equity holders continue their negotiations looking forward to a comprehensive financial restructuring of Iridium and its related companies in the context of a Chapter 11 proceeding.

On September 7, 1999, Iridium filed an answer to the involuntary petitions and a motion requesting the transfer of the Delaware voluntary cases to the New York court. A hearing on this and other motions is scheduled for September 13, 1999. No trustee or examiner has been appointed, and no official committee has been established yet.

Iridium intends to file a formal amendment to its above-referenced application once certain procedural issues concerning the Chapter 11 proceedings have been settled.

Should any question arise concerning this matter, please communicate with the undersigned or with Patricia A. Mahoney, Iridium's Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory and Trade Policy, at 202-326-5795.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Tuttle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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