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Washington, D.C. 20554

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VIA U.S. MAIL AND FACSIMILE

Mr. Jeffrey H. Olson
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1615 L Street, N.W.
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Re: Iridium Satellite LLC – File Nos. 187-SAT-P/LA-97(96), SAT-ASG-20010914-00084

Dear Mr. Olson:

On July 17, 2002, as required by Section 25.143(e)(2) of the FCC's rules, you filed a certification by Gino Picasso, Chief Executive Officer, that Iridium Satellite LLC (ISLLC) met the initial milestone requirement in its 2 GHz MSS license by entering into a "non-contingent satellite manufacturing contract" with Boeing Satellite Systems, Inc., for the construction of the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) system authorized on July 17, 2001.

You have also submitted a copy of the contract between ISLLC and Boeing, which includes in the Statement of Work (Exhibit A) the statement that satellites "shall be designed to meet the requirements defined after completion of the System Requirements Review." Exhibit A at 3. The term "System Requirements Review," however, is not defined and does not appear in any other portions of the contract or the Statement of Work. We request additional information to assist in our review of whether ISLLC entered into a "non-contingent satellite manufacturing contract" by July 17, 2002, as required by the terms of its license. Specifically, please explain the relationship of System Requirements Review (SRR) to the other scheduling and design review terms defined and used in the contract, and the date by which SRR must be completed, if any.

The additional information should be filed with the Commission's Secretary by October 15, 2002, with hand-delivered or electronic courtesy copies to Karl Kensinger (kkensinger@fcc.gov) and Stan Wiggins (swiggins@fcc.gov). This request should not be construed as prejudging or indicating any views concerning future action with respect to either milestone compliance, or other pending applications affecting the license. In order to facilitate prompt review, and avoid the need for further inquiries, please make all best efforts to provide potentially relevant information. Failure to provide the requested information, or provision of incomplete information, may result in an adverse inference concerning milestone compliance.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Tycz
Chief, Satellite Division
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