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**By Hand**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Iridium Satellite LLC -- File Nos. 187-SAT-P/LA-97(96),  
SAT-ASG-20010914-00084

Dear Madame Secretary:

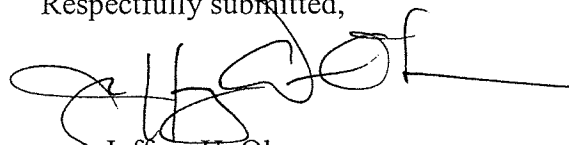
On July 29, 2002, we transmitted, on behalf of Iridium Satellite LLC ("ISLLC"), an executed Satellite Contract (the "Contract") between Boeing Satellite Systems, Inc. ("Boeing") and ISLLC. On October 4, 2002, we received a letter (the "Letter") from Thomas S. Tycz, Chief of the International Bureau's Satellite Division, requesting additional information regarding such Contract.

The Letter notes that the Statement of Work (the "SOW"), attached to the Contract as Exhibit A, includes the statement that satellites "shall be designed to meet the requirements defined after completion of the System Requirements Review." SOW at 2. The Letter also states that the term "System Requirements Review" is not defined in the Contract or SOW, and does not appear in any other portion of the Contract or SOW. Therefore, the Letter asks ISLLC to explain the relationship of the System Requirements Review to the other scheduling and design review terms defined and used in the Contract, and the date by which the System Requirements Review must be completed.

As set out on page 5 of the SOW, the System Requirements Review ("SRR") is the first of six enumerated elements of the Satellite System-Level Critical Design Review ("SS-LCDR"). The SRR is intended to ensure that the system requirements process first established in the System Architecture Validation Review (see SOW at p. 4) is updated to conform to the satellite system design that is to be presented in the SS-LCDR. As noted on page 1 of the Milestone Schedule (attached to the Contract as Exhibit C), the SS-LCDR (referred to simply as "Critical Design Review" in the Milestone Schedule), including the SRR, must be completed by July 17, 2003.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Olson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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