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By Hand

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 25.143(e)
Annual Report of Iridium LLC

Dear Madame Secretary:

Attached hereto is the Annual Report of Iridium LLC, made pursuant to Section 25.143(e) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.143(e), relating to the 2 GHz mobile satellite service ("MSS") license awarded to Iridium in July of this year.¹

Iridium requests a waiver of the October 15 deadline for filing the subject report. As the Commission is aware, various of Iridium LLC's affiliates (which hold the Commission authorizations for the existing Iridium "Big LEO" MSS system operating in the 1.6 GHz band) filed for bankruptcy and, pursuant to the order of the United States Bankruptcy Court, previously filed applications to assign the various Commission authorizations for the 1.6 GHz system to various affiliates of Iridium Satellite LLC ("New Iridium").² On September 14, 2001, Iridium LLC filed an application seeking to

¹ See Iridium LLC, DA 01-1636, released July 17, 2001.

² See Public Notice, Report No. SAT-00070, released April 17, 2001.

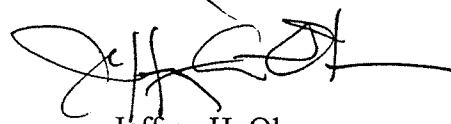
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assign the subject 2 GHz license to an affiliate of New Iridium.³ Through a series of oversights and miscommunication among Iridium LLC and New Iridium (which were compounded by the recent move of New Iridium to new offices), the necessary attention simply was not devoted to this matter. Given the unique circumstances and brief delay in filing the report, Iridium LLC submits that the public interest would be best served by a waiver of the October 15 deadline.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jeffrey H. Olson
Attorney for Iridium LLC

³ See Public Notice, Report No. SAT-00086, released September 28, 2001.

Iridium LLC — § 25.143(e) Report for 2 GHz MSS System

Iridium LLC (“Iridium”) submits this report, current as of September 30, 2001, pursuant to Section 25.143(e) of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.143(e), which applies to Mobile-Satellite Service (“MSS”) licensees in the 2 GHz band. Iridium was issued a license to provide MSS in the 2 GHz band on July 17, 2001. See “In the Matter of Application of Iridium LLC,” Order and Authorization, DA 01-1636, File Nos. 187-SAT-P/LA-97(96), SAT-LOA-19970926-00147, SAT-AMD-20001103-00156 (Int’l Bur. rel. July 17, 2001) (“2 GHz License”).

1. Status of satellite construction and anticipated launch dates, including any major problems or delays encountered.

The subject license was granted on July 17, 2001. Consistent with the previous order of the United States Bankruptcy Court, on September 14, 2001, Iridium filed an application to assign the license to Iridium Constellation LLC, which is also the proposed assignee (or its affiliates) of the Commission Authorizations relating to the existing Iridium “Big LEO” system, operating in the 1.6 GHz band. See “Satellite Policy Branch Information; Applications Accepted for Filing,” Public Notice, Report No. SAT-00086 (rel. Sept. 28, 2001).

2. A listing of any non-scheduled space station outages for more than 30 minutes and the cause or causes of the outage.

Not applicable.

3. A detailed description of the utilization made of the in-orbit satellite system.

Not applicable.

4. Identification of any space stations not available for service or otherwise not performing to specifications, the cause or causes of these difficulties, and the date any space station was taken out of service or the malfunction identified.

Not applicable.