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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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

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

Dear Madame Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 25.143(e) of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC"), 47 C.F.R. § 25.143(e), we hereby transmit, on behalf of Iridium Satellite LLC ("ISLLC"), an original and nine copies of an annual report regarding the status of its Mobile Satellite Service system authorized in *Iridium LLC, Order and Authorization*, 16 FCC Rcd 13778 (2001), as of September 30, 2002. A copy of this report is being filed simultaneously with the International Bureau and the FCC's Columbia Operations Center.

ISLLC intended to file the attached report in conjunction with the report filed by its affiliated company, Iridium Constellation LLC, on October 9, 2002. *See Section 25.143(e) Annual Report of Iridium Constellation LLC, 1.6/2.4 GHz Space System License, Call Sign S2110* (filed Oct. 9, 2002). Due to a miscommunication between ISLLC and its counsel, the attached report was inadvertently not included with that filing, and is now being filed one day late. ISLLC requests a waiver of the filing deadline in this regard.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Donald Abelson, Chief, International Bureau  
FCC Columbia Operations Center

**ANNUAL STATUS REPORT  
OF IRIDIUM SATELLITE LLC  
TO THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

In accordance with Section 25.143(e)(i)-(iv) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.143(e)(i)-(iv), Iridium Satellite LLC ("ISLLC") provides the following information regarding ISLLC's Mobile Satellite Service system (the "System") authorized in *Iridium LLC, Order and Authorization*, 16 FCC Rcd 13778 (2001), as of September 30, 2002:

**(i) Status of satellite construction and anticipated launch dates, including any major problems or delays encountered:**

On July 15, 2002, ISLLC entered into a noncontingent satellite contract with Boeing Satellite Systems, Inc. for the construction of the System. The contract provides for completion of construction and delivery of the satellites by dates that will allow ISLLC to comply with the milestones contained in its authorization. At this early stage in the construction process, anticipated launch dates cannot be identified.

**(ii) Not Applicable.**

**(iii) Not Applicable.**

**(iv) Not Applicable.**