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**Re: Lockheed Martin -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Ka-band GSO FSS System  
IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-1997122-0206, 0208, 0211, 0212, and 0213**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In an order released August 3, 2001 (see *Lockheed Martin Corporation*, 16 FCC Rcd 14332 (IB 2001)), Lockheed Martin Corporation (Lockheed Martin) was granted authorization to construct, launch and operate its Ka-band GSO FSS system. On June 28, 2002, pursuant to this authorization, Lockheed Martin filed a letter with the Commission in which it acknowledged the August 2002 commencement of construction milestone requirement set forth in its authorization.

Last December, four months after the Commission's grant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Ka-band license, Lockheed Martin announced the termination of its investment and participation in the Astrolink project. The same circumstances that caused Lockheed Martin to terminate its role in Astrolink have led it also to re-evaluate the business prospects for its licensed 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Ka-band system and, as a consequence, Lockheed Martin has decided not to pursue the buildout of a Ka-band GSO FSS system. Therefore, in advance of the milestone deadline, Lockheed Martin hereby surrenders its licenses as granted in the above-referenced 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Ka-band authorization.

Hopefully, the surrender of the licenses and the freeing up of the associated orbital resources will facilitate the Commission's ability to meet the needs of other Ka-band system proponents. As the Commission is aware, Lockheed Martin continues to have a major stake in the development and implementation of advanced satellite systems and services, as well as in other advanced technologies and spectrum policy issues related thereto.

Sincerely,

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