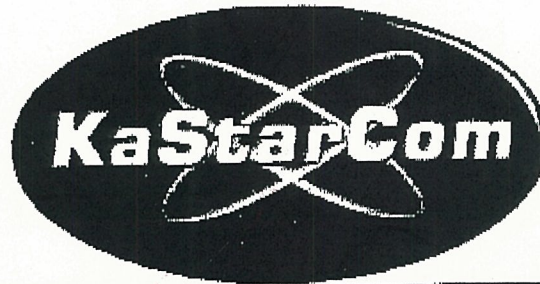


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BY HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: *KaStarCom. World Satellite, LLC —Ka-Band GSO License at 111° W.L.
Call Sign S2355, IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19980312-00018*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In August 2001, the Commission authorized KaStarCom. World Satellite, LLC to launch and operate a geostationary satellite system using Ka-band spectrum at the 111° W.L. orbital location.¹ In November 2001, the Commission granted KaStarCom a further authorization to operate Ka-band satellites at the 73° W.L. and 109.2° W.L. orbital locations.² Under ITU rules, KaStarcom must bring a satellite into use at the 111° W.L. orbital location by March 9, 2003 in order to preserve the priority of the U.S.'s network filing, subject to a two-year extension under certain circumstances.

As the Commission is aware, the Canadian administration has ITU date priority in the Ka-band at the 111.1° W.L. orbital location that is superior to the U.S. filing at 111° W.L., and a Canadian licensee has nearly completed a satellite to bring that slot into use.³ This fact,

¹ See *KaStarCom. World Satellite, LLC*, 16 FCC Rcd. 14322 (Int'l Bur. 2001).

² See *KaStarCom. World Satellite, LLC*, 16 FCC Rcd. 20133 (Int'l Bur. 2001). This order also included authority to use inter-satellite link spectrum at all three orbital locations.

³ See *Telesat Canada*, 17 FCC Rcd. 25287 (Int'l Bur. 2002)(granting market access for Ka-band payload on Anik F2 satellite).

combined with the softening of the economy generally and the satellite broadband sector in particular over the past few years, has led KaStarCom to re-evaluate the business prospects for its licensed satellite system. As a consequence, KaStarCom has decided that it cannot meet its commencement of construction milestone for 111° and it will not proceed with the build-out of its satellite at the 111° W.L. orbital location. Accordingly, KaStarCom hereby surrenders its license for a Ka-band satellite at that slot.

KaStarCom remains committed to developing its remaining Ka-band orbital locations at 73° W.L. and 109.2° W.L. to bring advanced satellite broadband services to underserved and unserved areas of the United States.

Sincerely yours,



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