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Mr. Thomas S. Tycz
Chief
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Tycz:

We write to request that the International Bureau reconsider and adjust the construction milestone dates in its Order (released June 19, 2001) granting Loral Space & Communications Ltd. authority to launch and operate a Ku-band satellite at 37.5 W.L. to replace Telstar 11 which is now operating at that location. In the June 19 Order the Bureau imposed the following construction milestones:

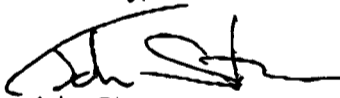
Commence Construction: November 2001
Complete Construction: January 2003
Launch: February 2003

It appears that the Bureau adopted the launch milestone date as proposed in the application that Loral filed in May 1998, and that the Bureau set the other milestone dates accordingly. Given the more than three years that elapsed between the filing of the Telstar 11 application and its grant, that launch date is no longer feasible. Accordingly, Loral requests that the construction milestones set forth in paragraph 18 of the Order be adjusted as follows:

Commence Construction: June 2002
Complete Construction: December 2004
Launch: January 2005

These proposed adjusted milestone dates are realistic based on the date of authorization and are consistent with the routine milestone schedule that the Bureau attaches to FSS satellite authorizations. Moreover, the current projection for the end of the useful life of Telstar 11 is May 2005. Correcting the milestone dates as we have proposed would serve the public interest by maximizing the useful life of Telstar 11 and permitting adequate time to construct and timely launch the authorized satellite that will replace Telstar 11 at the end of its useful life.

Sincerely,


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