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Re: Fee Status

File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00172, Callsign S2485
File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00248, Callsign S2554
File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00173, Callsign S2486
File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00175, Callsign S2488
File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00249, Callsign S2555

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Rainbow DBS Company LLC ("Rainbow DBS"), this letter serves to clarify the fee status for the above-referenced satellite space station applications. Currently, on the International Bureau Filing System ("IBFS") reports, the fee status is shown as "Filed - fee not required." There is a required fee for these applications and, as Rainbow DBS mentioned in its applications, it "will submit fee and Form 159 by hand delivery to Pittsburgh" as permitted by the Commission's rules. Apparently, IBFS associates checking the "Other" field with a fee not being required as opposed to Rainbow DBS's intention, which was to indicate that it would be filing the fee and Form 159 through Pittsburgh. Thus, the appropriate text in the "Current Status" field should read "Filed - awaiting fee verification."

In a conversation with International Bureau staff, it was suggested that we clarify the fee status and submit a letter to insure that the proper application submission ID numbers are associated with the proper applications so that the fees can be properly verified once they are submitted. Accordingly, please find the application submission ID numbers with their corresponding applications:

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

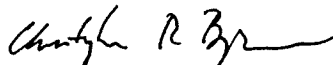
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Application Submission ID	Description, File Numbers, and Callsigns
IB2003001593	Application to Construct and Operate Ka-band satellites at 62° W.L. and 129° W.L.; File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00172 Callsign S2485 (62° W.L.); File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00248 Callsign S2554 (129° W.L.). ^{1/}
IB2003001594	Application to Construct and Operate a Ka-band satellite at 87° W.L.; File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00173, Callsign S2486
IB2003001596	Application to Construct and Operate Ka-band satellites at 71° W.L. and 119° W.L., File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00175 Callsign S2488 (71° W.L.); File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00249 Callsign S2555 (119° W.L.).

Please excuse any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused. Thank you for your attention to this matter and please contact us if you have any questions or need anything else on this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher R. Bjornson

cc: Ms. Jacqueline Ponti

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^{1/} It appears that file numbers SAT-LOA-20030827-00243, SAT-LOA-20030827-00244, SAT-LOA-20030827-00245, SAT-LOA-20030827-00246, and SAT-LOA-20030827-00247 may also be associated with this application.