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VIA IBFS

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

Re: IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-20170508-00071

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Astro Digital U.S., Inc. (“Astro Digital”) respectfully requests that the International Bureau (“Bureau”) change the restricted *ex parte* status of the above-captioned application proceeding to permit-but-disclose.¹ Designating the proceeding as permit-but-disclose will serve the public interest by facilitating communications with the Bureau, allowing the Bureau to develop a more complete record, and permitting the Bureau to reach a more informed decision. Additionally, designating the Astro Digital application proceeding as permit-but-disclose would be consistent with the Commission’s treatment of other applications and market access requests, including that of Telesat Canada, seeking to use some of the same frequency bands.²

Astro Digital, through its counsel, notified counsel to Telesat Canada and Iridium of this request. Both parties stated they had no objection to the proposed change in *ex parte* status for this application proceeding.

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206, and 1.1208 note 2.

² See *Applications Accepted for Filing: Cut-off Established for Additional NGSO-like Satellite Applications or Petitions for Operations in the 12.75-13.25 GHz, 13.85-14.0 GHz, 18.6-18.8 GHz, 19.3-20.2 GHz, and 29.1-29.5 GHz Bands*, Public Notice, DA 17-524, Report No. SPB-271, at 4 (rel. May 26, 2017) (designating the *ex parte* status of applications seeking to use the same frequency bands as permit-but-disclose to “provide for uniformity of treatment”).

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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