



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Inmarsat Hawaii Inc.  
IBFS File No. SAT-LOI-20110809-00150  
(Call Sign: S2836)

Dear Mr. Janka,

On August 8, 2011, Inmarsat Hawaii Inc. (Inmarsat) filed a Letter of Intent seeking to use the planned INMARSAT-KA97 space station to access the United States using portions of the Ka-band at the 97.11° W.L. orbital location.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Section 25.111(a) of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> we request that Inmarsat provide, by letter, additional information to facilitate the processing of the application.

In its application, Inmarsat states the INMARSAT-KA97 space station will be launched and operated under the authority of the United Kingdom. To facilitate review of this application, please state whether Inmarsat has obtained launch and operational authority under the United Kingdom Outer Space Act from the UK Space Agency for the INMARSAT-KA97 space station. If not, please provide a statement detailing the status of the application process for such authority. Also, please indicate whether Inmarsat has assessed whether there are sufficient ties to the United Kingdom to provide the UK Space Agency the basis for issuing an authorization, *e.g.*, procurement of a launch through a UK company.

We request that Inmarsat respond to this letter by January 17, 2012, with a copy to Alyssa Roberts of my staff ([Alyssa.Roberts@fcc.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Roberts@fcc.gov)). Failure to respond may result in dismissal of the application, pursuant to Sections 25.112(c) and 25.152(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Nelson", followed by a long, wavy horizontal line.

Robert G. Nelson  
Chief, Satellite Division  
International Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> IBFS File No. SAT-LOI-20110809-00150.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 25.111(a).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.223(c) and 25.152(b).