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Marlene H. Dortch  
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**Re: Iridium Satellite LLC  
Application for Authority to Provide Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite  
(Route) Service Over the IRIDIUM System  
File Nos. SAT-MOD-19961204-00139 and 18-SAT-ML-97**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Iridium Satellite LLC ("Iridium"), by its attorneys and pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, hereby requests a short, one-week extension of time, until August 16, 2005, to respond to the International Bureau's July 25, 2005 letter requesting additional information ("Request")<sup>1</sup> regarding Iridium's application for authority to provide Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (Route) Service.<sup>2</sup> In its Request, the International Bureau raised several questions about Iridium's application, which was filed in 1996, and directed Iridium to respond to the questions by August 9, 2005. The Request also stated that if "the application does not accurately reflect [Iridium's] current situation, an amendment must be filed by August 9, 2005."<sup>3</sup>

Iridium plans to respond to the Request via an amendment to its application. However, given the length of time that has passed since the application was filed, Iridium respectfully requests additional time, until August 16, 2005, to respond to the Request. This brief extension will enable Iridium to determine the extent of changes that must be made to the original application and to ensure that the amendment fully reflects Iridium's current situation.

<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Cassandra C. Thomas, FCC to Michael R. Deutschman, Iridium Satellite LLC, File Nos. SAT-MOD-19961204-00139 and 18-SAT-ML-97 (dated July 25, 2005).

<sup>2</sup> See Application for Authority to Provide Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (Route) Service Over the IRIDIUM System, File Nos. SAT-MOD-19961204-00139 and 18-SAT-ML-97 (filed Dec. 4, 1996).

<sup>3</sup> Request at 2.

SAT-MOD-19961204-00139  
18-SAT-ML-97  
File #  
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Term Dates  
From 8/9/2005 To 8/16/2005  
Approval Cassandra C Thomas

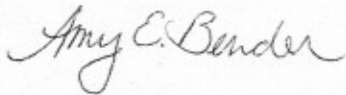


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Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy E. Bender".

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cc: Cassandra Thomas  
Robert Nelson  
William Bell