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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Written Ex Parte Presentation  
Application for Authority to Provide Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite  
(Route) Service Over the IRIDIUM System, File Nos. SAT-MOD-  
19961204-00139, SAT-AMD-20051118-00236 and SAT-AMD-20051118-  
00236**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Hawaiian Airlines writes this letter to urge the Commission to allow Iridium to provide Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Service ("AMS(R)S"). AMS(R)S is an aeronautical mobile-satellite service reserved for communications relating to safety and regularity of flights, primarily along national and international civil air routes.

Now in its 81st year of continuous service for Hawaii, Hawaiian Airlines is the state's biggest and longest-serving airline, as well as the largest provider of passenger air service to Hawaii from the state's primary visitor markets on the U.S. mainland. Hawaiian Airlines offers nonstop service to Hawaii from more U.S. gateway cities than any other airline, as well as service to the Philippines, Australia, American Samoa, Tahiti, Japan and South Korea. Hawaiian also provides more than 150 daily jet flights between the Hawaiian Islands.

Hawaiian Airlines has had discussions with Iridium concerning the use of Iridium's global Mobile Satellite Service system for AMS(R)S purposes and is

currently outfitting its entire fleet with Iridium equipment capable of being used for AMS(R)S communications. At this time, international standards are substantially complete and provide a basis for the Commission to proceed with the authorization of AMS(R)S for Iridium's system. Hawaiian Airlines urges the Commission to enable Iridium to provide AMS(R)S service. Hawaiian Airlines flies to numerous destinations that take its planes over land masses and bodies of water in multiple areas. Iridium's system is uniquely suited to serve Hawaiian Airlines's AMS(R)S requirements. The system has complete coverage of the earth, including oceans, airways and Polar Regions. Making Iridium's system available for AMS(R)S purposes will enhance flight safety by giving Hawaiian Airlines access to Iridium's unparalleled coverage.

AMS(R)S over Iridium's unique global network would provide myriad benefits to Hawaiian Airlines by allowing Hawaiian Airlines to enhance its flight safety systems and further secure the safety of its passengers, crew, and cargo. For these reasons, Hawaiian Airlines respectfully requests that the Commission extend AMS(R)S eligibility to Iridium as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ken Rewick", written over a horizontal line.

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