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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

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SAT. A 10-19950502-00069 SAT-AMD-19950929-00149 SAT. LDA-19950929-00138; 00139 SAT-AMD-19960429-00062; 00063 SAT-MOD-19980406-00031; 00032; 00032

Re: CyberStar Licensee LLC, File Nos. 109-SAT-P/LA-95; 110-SAT-P-95; 187-SAT-AMEND-95; 188/189-SAT-P/LA-95; 102/103-SAT-AMEND-96; 103/104/105-SAT-ML-98.

Dear Mr. Stern:

On January 31, 2001, the International Bureau (Bureau) modified CyberStar Licensee LLC's (CyberStar) license to launch and operate a satellite system in the geostationary-satellite orbit to provide fixed-satellite service in a portion of the Ka-band.¹ In this modification order, which authorized CyberStar to add inter-satellite links to its system, the Bureau also assigned implementation milestones for the construction, launch, and operation of the satellite system. The license provides that failure to meet any of the implementation milestones will render the satellite authorization null and void. The first implementation milestone requires CyberStar to commence construction of its first satellite by January 2002 and its two remaining satellites by January 2003.²

To satisfy the construction commencement milestone for satellite licenses, the Commission requires the execution of a non-contingent construction contract. The "non-contingent" requirement contemplates that there will be neither significant delays between the execution of the construction contract and the actual commencement of construction, nor conditions precedent to construction.³

In order for the Commission to determine whether CyberStar is in compliance with the requirement to commence construction of its remaining satellites by January 2003, please submit a copy of the contract(s) that satisfies this obligation. The submission must include a signed copy of the contract, the statement of work, and all technical exhibits. The documentation must verify that the construction of CyberStar's remaining satellites has commenced and will be built within the time frame specified in CyberStar's license. If any standstill or stop work agreements relating to the contract have been executed, copies of these documents and any related correspondence must be submitted as well. This information must be filed with the Commission's Secretary by July 14, 2003, with a hand delivered courtesy copy to

¹ CyberStar Licensee LLC, Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate a Ka-band Satellite System in the Fixed-Satellite Service, *Order and Authorization*, 16 FCC Rcd 2442 (Int'l Bur. 2001).

² *Id.* at 2452. CyberStar is authorized to operate one satellite at each of the following orbital locations: 115° W.L., 93° W.L. and 105.5° E.L.

³ See PanAmSat Licensee Corp., Application for Authority to Construct, Launch, and Operate a Ka-Band Communications Satellite System in the Fixed-Satellite Service at Orbital Locations 58° W.L. and 125° W.L., *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 15 FCC Rcd 18720 (Int'l Bur. 2000) *aff'd*, 16 FCC Rcd 11534 (2001).

Alyssa Roberts of my staff. Failure to provide this information by this date shall render CyberStar's Kaband license null and void. Please contact Alyssa Roberts at (202) 418-7276 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Tycz Chief

Satellite Division