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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals Building
445 12th Street, S.W. TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Commencement of Construction

Dear Ms. Dortch:

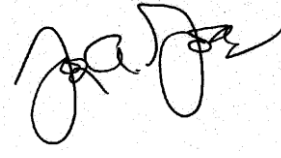
Pursuant to Section 25.113(f) of the Commission's Rules, Skynet Satellite Corporation hereby notifies the Commission that it has entered at its own risk into a contract for construction of the Telstar 12 VANTAGE satellite. Telstar 12 VANTAGE, which is based on Astrium's Eurostar E3000 platform, will replace the currently operational Telstar 12 satellite at 15° W.L.¹

Telesat expects to file with the Commission within the next few months an application for launch and operational authority.

¹ Because there is no file number or call sign for Telstar 12 VANTAGE, Skynet is associating this letter with the call sign for Telstar 12.

Please direct any questions concerning this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Godles", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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