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**Re: Columbia Communications Corporation
Partial Withdrawal of File No. SAT-MOD-20020517-00078
and Withdrawal of File Nos. SAT-AMD-20030801-00140,
SAT-AMD-20040429-00087 & SAT-MOD-20020517-00079**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Columbia Communications Corporation ("Columbia"), by its attorneys, hereby withdraws, to the extent not already acted upon, its modification application File No. SAT-MOD-20020517-00078 (the "AMC-12 Modification") and withdraws two pending amendments to that application, File Nos. SAT-AMD-20030801-00140 and SAT-AMD-20040429-00087 (the "AMC-12 Amendments"). Columbia also withdraws its modification File No. SAT-MOD-20020517-00079 (the "AMC-22 Modification").

These filings concern technical and milestone issues relating to Columbia's orbital positions at 37.5° W.L. and 47° W.L. Columbia recently launched AMC-12, which will operate at 37.5° W.L. Prior to issuance of final authority for that launch, Columbia had requested that action on milestone applications relating to AMC-12 – the milestone portion of the AMC-12 Modification, as amended by the AMC-12 Amendments – be held in abeyance.¹ In its January 28 *Order and Authorization* for AMC-12, the Satellite Division granted the portion of the AMC-12 Modification that requested authority for changes in the

¹ See Letter of Peter A. Rohrbach, Counsel for Columbia Communications Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch dated Nov. 29, 2004.

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technical specifications of the satellite.² Pursuant to Columbia's request, action on the milestone-related portion of the AMC-12 Modification was deferred, and no action was taken on the two AMC-12 Amendments. *Id.*

The AMC-22 Modification related to the replacement spacecraft assigned to 47° W.L. Columbia recently relinquished this replacement authorization,³ rendering the AMC-22 Modification moot.

Accordingly, Columbia now withdraws the portion of the AMC-12 Modification that was not addressed in the *AMC-12 Order* and withdraws the two AMC-12 Amendments. Columbia also withdraws the AMC-22 Modification. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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² *Columbia Communications Corporation, Order and Authorization*, DA 05-244, at ¶ 13 (Sat. Div. rel. Jan. 28, 2005) (the "AMC-12 Order").

³ See Letter of Peter A. Rohrbach, Counsel for Columbia Communications Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch dated Feb. 25, 2005.