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Re: DirectCom Networks, Inc., Voluntary Surrender of Ka-band Authorizations and Withdrawal of Related Petitions; File Nos. SAT-LOA-19971222-00214; SAT-LOA-19971222-00215; SAT-MOD-20020830-00165; Call Signs S2342; S2343

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed please find a letter from DirectCom Networks, Inc. ("DirectCom") surrendering its above-referenced license to launch and operate two satellites in the Ka-band and withdrawing related pending petitions.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Todd Stansbury (202-719-4948) or me, both counsel to DirectCom. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer D. Hindin

cc: Thomas Tycz
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Re: DirectCom Networks, Inc., Voluntary Surrender of Ka-band Authorizations and Withdrawal of Related Petitions; File Nos. SAT-LOA-19971222-00214; SAT-LOA-19971222-00215; SAT-MOD-20020830-00165; Call Signs S2342; S2343

Dear Ms. Dortch:

DirectCom Networks, Inc. ("DirectCom") hereby surrenders its authorization to launch and operate the Ka-band satellites assigned to the 123° W.L. and 127° W.L. orbital locations.¹ Given current market conditions, DirectCom has decided no longer to pursue construction and launch of these two satellites by the time frames required by the Commission's milestones.

DirectCom also hereby withdraws its pending "Petition for Partial Reconsideration" filed September 4, 2001² and "Petition for Waiver or Extension of Milestone" filed August 30, 2002.³ DirectCom's surrender of its Ka-band authorization obviates the need for Commission action on these related petitions.

¹ DirectCom Networks, Inc., *Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate a Ka-Band Satellite System in the Fixed-Satellite Service*, 16 FCC Rcd 14287 (2001) (Order and Authorization).

² DirectCom Networks, Inc., *Petition for Partial Reconsideration* (filed Sept. 4, 2001).

³ DirectCom Networks, Inc., *Petition for Waiver or Extension of Milestone*, File No. SAT-MOD-20020830-00165 (filed Aug. 30, 2002).

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Should you have any questions, please contact DirectCom's FCC counsel, Todd M. Stansbury of Wiley, Rein & Fielding, LLP, at 202-719-4948. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Charles Butler Ammann
Senior Vice President

cc: Tom Tycz, Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau