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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Hughes Network Systems, Inc. – Voluntary Surrender of Ka-Band GSO  
Licenses and Voluntary Dismissal of Pending Applications for  
Call Signs S2187, S2188 and S2185*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hughes Network Systems, Inc. (“HNS”) hereby voluntarily surrenders its licenses for Ka-band satellites at 101° E.L. (Call Sign S2187),<sup>1</sup> 111° E.L. (Call Sign S2188),<sup>2</sup> and 49° W.L. (Call Sign S2185).<sup>3</sup> Because this surrender renders pending applications related to these licenses moot, HNS also voluntarily dismisses the following applications:

Call Sign S2187: SAT-MOD-20021018-00192, SAT-MOD-20030123-00048;  
Call Sign S2188: SAT-MOD-20021018-00191, SAT-MOD-20030123-00049; and  
Call Sign S2185: SAT-MOD-20021023-00194, SAT-MOD-20030223-00047, SAT-MOD-20030401-00059.

HNS requests that the Commission update its records to reflect these actions and issue public notice thereof as required.

Changes in the overall network design for HNS’ Ka-band network have led to the decision to surrender the licenses for Call Signs S2187, S2188, and S2185. However, HNS remains committed to implementing its Ka-band satellite system. Nothing in this letter is intended to affect any of HNS’ other Ka-band authorizations or pending

<sup>1</sup> IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00127.

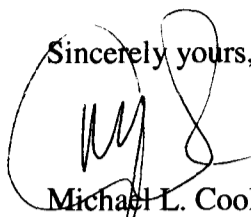
<sup>2</sup> IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00128.

<sup>3</sup> IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19950929-00125.

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applications related to those authorizations, and HNS respectfully reserves all of its rights with respect to each of its remaining authorizations.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MLC', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Michael L. Cook  
Senior Vice President and General Manager,  
Spaceway

cc: Tom Tycz  
Jennifer Gilsenan