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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Relinquishment of Authority for C-band Operations on the TDRS-6 Satellite at 47° W.L. and License to Launch and Operate a Replacement C-band Satellite at 47° W.L.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Columbia Communications Corporation ("Columbia"), by its attorneys, hereby relinquishes, effective immediately, its authority for C-band operations on the TDRS-6 spacecraft at 47° W.L. and its license to launch and operate a C-band replacement satellite at 47° W.L.

Since July 1996, Columbia has been authorized to provide C-band services using capacity on TDRS-6 pursuant to a lease agreement with the spacecraft's operator, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA").¹ NASA has advised Columbia of its decision not to renew the lease agreement with Columbia for C-band operations on TDRS-6. Columbia is not currently providing any services using TDRS-6, so no customers will be affected by the termination of C-band operations on TDRS-6.

Columbia also holds a license for a C-band replacement satellite at 47° W.L.² However, Columbia has decided that, in light of projected market conditions for C-band

¹ Initially, these operations were pursuant to special temporary authority, but in 2001, the Commission granted interim operating authority on TDRS-6 pending launch and operation of Columbia's authorized C-band replacement satellite at 47° W.L. See *Columbia Communications Corporation*, Order and Order on Reconsideration, DA 01-1241 (Int'l Bur. rel. May 22, 2001) at ¶¶ 27-29.

² See *Columbia Communications Corporation*, Order and Authorization, 14 FCC Rcd 3318 (Int'l Bur. 1999).

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services in the Atlantic Ocean Region, it will not complete and launch into 47° W.L. the spacecraft that it was building for that position.

Accordingly, Columbia hereby relinquishes its C-band authority to operate on TDRS-6 and its authority for a C-band replacement satellite at 47° W.L. effective immediately. Please direct any questions regarding this submission to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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