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Re: Celsat America, Inc.
SAT-MOD-20040717-00134

Dear Mr. Weimer:

This letter requests information regarding the construction status of Celsat America, Inc.'s (Celsat) satellite for its mobile-satellite service (MSS) system. Celsat is authorized to operate a MSS system using S-band and Ka-band frequencies at the 121° W.L. orbital location.¹ On July 17, 2004, Celsat filed the above-referenced modification application seeking, among other things, an extension of its milestone to complete construction of and launch its satellite into the assigned orbital location. The requested extension is premised on the bankruptcy of the satellite's manufacturer, Space Systems/Loral (Loral). As a result of the Loral bankruptcy, Celsat states that it made modifications to its proposed system and amended the construction contract with Loral. Celsat represents that construction of the satellite commenced in July 2004.

The amended contract, dated July 12, 2004, provides for monthly progress reports.² To assist in the processing of Celsat's modification application, please submit to the Commission copies of the two most recent monthly status reports. The reports should be submitted no later than November 4, 2004, with a courtesy copy to Alyssa Roberts of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fern J. Jarmulnek".

Fern J. Jarmulnek
Deputy Chief
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¹ Celsat America, Inc., *Order and Authorization*, 16 FCC Rcd 13712 (Int'l Bur. 2001) and Celsat America, Inc., *Order and Authorization*, 16 FCC Rcd 14278 (Int'l Bur. 2001).

² Contract between Celsat America and Space Systems/Loral, Inc., Amendment Number 1, dated July 12, 2004, at p. 10.