



International Bureau

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

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Mr. Brian Weimer
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Washington, DC 20005-2111

Re: Celsat America, Inc.
File No. SAT-MOD-20040717-00134
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Dear Mr. Weimer:

This letter requests additional information regarding the above referenced modification application filed by Celsat America, Inc. (Celsat). The application includes a request to extend Celsat's milestones to complete construction and launch its satellite into its assigned orbital location. Prior to filing the modification application, Celsat amended its manufacturing contract with Loral. Celsat reported that satellite construction has commenced in accordance with the amended contract.¹ Celsat's application also stated that Loral is expected to complete a revised critical design review (CDR) for Celsat's modified satellite system in January 2005.²

To assist in processing Celsat's modification application, we request that Celsat provide the following information to the Commission:

- 1) A copy of the documentation package prepared for payload subsystem CDR and the resulting CDR Report and Actions Items list (on paper or CD-ROM) for the January 2005 CDR;
- 2) Evidence (such as cancelled checks) that all milestone payments required in the amended satellite manufacturing contract with Space Systems/Loral, Inc., dated July 12, 2004, have been made up to, and including, the date of this letter;³ and
- 3) Evidence of physical construction, such as photographs, bills of materials, or subcontractor contract(s).

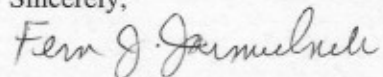
¹ Celsat America, Inc. Modification Application, File No. SAT-MOD-20040717-00134, Exhibit 2, p. 4 (*Celsat Modification Application*).

² *Celsat Modification Application*, Exhibit 2, p. 9.

³ See *Public Notice*, International Bureau Provides Guidance Concerning the Critical Design Review Milestone Requirement, Report No. SPB-204, DA 04-787 (rel. March 25, 2004).

In addition, we request that Celsat submit a milestone chart or schedule demonstrating that it can meet its July 17, 2007 deadline to bring the satellite operation. This information must be filed with the Commission's Secretary by March 23, 2005, with a courtesy copy to Alyssa Roberts of my staff. Please contact Alyssa Roberts at (202) 418-7276 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Fern J. Jarmulnek
Deputy Chief, Satellite Division