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Ms. Martha Johnston
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Dear Martha:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I recently received from one of my constituents, Mr. Jon Shepherd of Palmer, Alaska. Mr. Shepherd has some concerns regarding his company's application to the Federal Communications Commission to gain authority to provide ancillary terrestrial component services. I would appreciate your review of his concerns and any assistance you might be able to provide Mr. Shepherd in resolving them.

Please send your reply to my Washington, D.C., office. For administrative purposes, please reference Mr. Shepherd and the date of his letter to me in your response. Thank you in advance for your careful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator

Enclosure



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PORT GRAHAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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December 15, 2005

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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Dear Senator Murkowski,

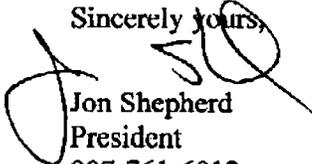
I am writing to urge you to contact the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to emphasize the need for quick action on a pending matter that affects the ability of Globalstar LLC to provide enhanced telecommunications services to the citizens of Alaska.

Globalstar has been providing limited voice and data Mobile Satellite Service to Alaskans for approximately five years and has an established and growing presence in this state. Globalstar is also in the process of investing significant capital in the construction of a new earth station facility in Wasilla, Alaska, to communicate with its satellite network. The new gateway, scheduled to provide full commercial service by June 2006, will ensure that Globalstar is able to provide robust, reliable service to its customers located in even the most remote areas of Alaska.

In March 2005, Globalstar filed an application with the FCC seeking authority to provide "Ancillary Terrestrial Component," or "ATC" services in conjunction with its existing satellite services. ATC authority will enable Globalstar to dramatically improve the quality and efficiency of the services it provides to its public safety and consumer customers. ATC authority also will allow Globalstar to deploy a number of new services – including enhanced broadband capabilities – that will benefit both existing and future customers, especially in Alaska.

However, even though Globalstar's ATC application was filed more than nine months ago and is non-controversial, I understand that the FCC still has not acted on it. This delay on Globalstar's application appears to ignore the undeniable public interest benefits that ATC authority would provide, and appears to disregard the existing and future communications needs of the company's Alaskan customers. Without your intervention, I am concerned that the FCC will continue to delay action on Globalstar's pending ATC application — a delay that will harm not only Globalstar, but the many current and future Alaskans who stand to benefit enormously from the services that Globalstar is poised to offer.

Sincerely yours,



Jon Shepherd
President
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cc. The Honorable Ted Stevens
The Honorable Don Young
Anthony J. Navarra, President, Globalstar LLC



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The Globalstar Story

Satellite services to handheld telephones are not a dream of the future – they are a valuable reality today. Having survived a chapter 11 bankruptcy, Globalstar now provides voice and data Mobile Satellite Services (“MSS”) to roughly 183,000 customers, including first responders and other public safety personnel for whom satellite service may be the only means of communicating in the event of a disaster. Globalstar’s services proved their value to emergency response agencies in the wake of this year’s Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Globalstar is a California-based company with satellite earth station facilities in Texas, Florida, Alaska, and Puerto Rico. It is in its sixth year of operations and provides services to customers in all parts of the world except central and southern Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Indian subcontinent. Its 183,000 customers are spread across 120 different countries, but its largest markets are the U.S. and Canada. The company is moving to expand its service footprint by taking over or installing gateways in Venezuela, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, China, and India. New customers are signing up at an amazing rate – the customer base grew at an average annual rate of 45 percent during the first five years of Globalstar’s existence, and it increased by 50 percent in the last 18 months.

Globalstar is committed to providing its services worldwide at prices comparable to those that terrestrial wireless subscribers have come to expect. For example, Globalstar’s U.S. customers can now purchase voice and data service in bulk for 17 cents per minute and pay no roaming or long distance charges anywhere within North America and the portions of the Caribbean served by Globalstar’s Gateway in Puerto Rico.

Unlike terrestrial wireline and wireless networks, which can be disabled by natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and power outages, Globalstar’s satellite network is largely unaffected by these events and serves as a vital communications link during times of emergency. For example, during and after the recent hurricanes that struck the Gulf Coast, Globalstar’s MSS system remained operational and Globalstar customers, many of whom are first responders and state and federal emergency response agencies, were able to maintain vital communications links. Globalstar provided approximately 10,000 additional handsets to public safety officials (including FEMA and the governor’s offices in Louisiana and Mississippi) in the regions impacted by these storms, and the company was able to shift its system capacity to meet the surge of demand in the southeastern United States. Without Globalstar service, many state and federal agencies would have been left without communications links in the wake of these storms.

Globalstar's Application for Ancillary Terrestrial Component (ATC) Authority

On March 1, 2005, Globalstar applied for ancillary terrestrial component (ATC) authority for its mobile satellite service (MSS) system. ATC is vital for Globalstar and its customers. ATC authority will enable Globalstar to offer truly ubiquitous voice and data communications solutions. Often MSS suffers from poor reception in urban areas where tall buildings and other structures can block satellite signals. ATC will enable Globalstar to eliminate these gaps in coverage and will permit a new line of more powerful communications devices. ATC will also enable Globalstar to offer mobile communications services in response to emergencies and natural disasters. The first responders, emergency providers, and government agencies that Globalstar serves particularly need the seamless coverage ATC will enable. ATC will allow these customers to have a ubiquitous and robust communications solution that can withstand the natural and man-made disasters that often disable traditional terrestrial wireless and wireline communications systems.

Chronology of Globalstar's ATC Application

- March 1, 2005** Globalstar files its ATC application. The application fully complies with all FCC rules and requires no waivers
- April 15, 2005** Globalstar ATC application is placed on Public Notice
- May 16, 2005** The period for public comment on Globalstar ATC application closes. Only two parties filed comments (the Wireless Communication Association (WCA) and the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE)). Neither party challenged the application on its merits
- May 25, 2005** NTIA sends a letter to the FCC staff asking that Globalstar be required to meet certain radio frequency emission limits that are *stricter* than those required by FCC regulations. However, because the FCC failed to forward a copy of the letter to Globalstar or place it in the record, Globalstar did not learn of NTIA's concerns until many months later
- May 26, 2005** Globalstar files reply comments addressing WCA's and SBE's concerns
- August 2005** Globalstar enters into discussions with NTIA to address its concerns
- Oct. 17, 2005** Globalstar resolves outstanding issues with NTIA and agrees to meet the emission limits requested by NTIA in order to ensure an expeditious grant of its ATC application
- November 2005** NTIA approves Globalstar's proposed emission limits
- November 2005** Globalstar is told by FCC staff that an order is being drafted and a grant of its ATC application is imminent
- Week Dec. 5, 2005** Globalstar is informed, without any explanation, that the draft ATC order has lost momentum and cannot provide any assurances that it will be released before the end of the year