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**Re: Withdrawal of Telesat Canada's Opposition to Satelites Mexicanos, S.A., DE C.V.'s Petition for Declaratory Ruling
File No. SAT-PDR-19991214-00131**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 24, 2000, Telesat Canada ("Telesat") filed an opposition¹ against Satelites Mexicanos, S.A., DE C.V.'s ("Satmex") request that the Commission include three Mexican-licensed satellites—Solidaridad 1, Solidaridad 2 and Satmex 5—on the United States' Permitted Space Station List ("List").² Specifically, Telesat requested that the Commission postpone inclusion of Satmex 5 on the List until that satellite is coordinated between Canada and Mexico ("Petition").³

¹ Opposition of Telesat Canada, filed January 24, 2000 ("Telesat Opposition"); *see also* Supplemental Comments of Telesat Canada, filed February 18, 2000.

² Public Notice, "Satellite Policy Branch Information Applications Accepted for Filing," DA No. 00-71, Report No. SAT-00034 (Jan. 14, 2000) (accepting for filing Satmex's Petition for Declaratory Ruling, File No. SAT-PDR-19991214-00131).

³ Telesat Opposition, at 3 (Jan. 24, 2000).

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On May 29, 2000, the Canada-Mexico coordination was completed.⁴ On May 31, 2000, a "Non Confidential Notice" was signed to confirm that Mexican and Canadian satellite operators reached a satellite coordination agreement covering Mexican and Canadian Canada/Mexico/USA C-Band and Ku-Band Trilateral Arrangement. *See Exhibit A.* Accordingly, Telesat hereby withdraws its opposition to Satmex's Petition.

Should you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully requested,

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⁴ *Coordination Understanding Among the Operators of the Fixed Satellite Systems of Mexico and Canada Operating at C-band and Ku-band in the Tri-lateral Orbital Positions, May 29, 2000.*

EXHIBIT A

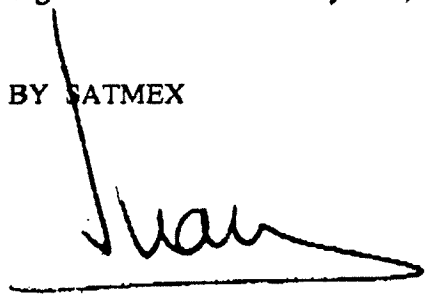
NON CONFIDENTIAL NOTICE

Satmex of Mexico, Telesat Canada, and Industry Canada (representing possible future Canadian satellite operators other than Telesat) have reached a satellite coordination agreement. The agreement covers the Mexican and Canadian orbital positions within the Canada/Mexico/USA C and Ku band Trilateral Arrangement, namely 109.2°, 113.0°, 116.8°WL for Mexico and 107.3°, 111.1°, 114.9°, and 118.7° WL for Canada.

This agreement represents the spirit of cooperation and goodwill between Mexican and Canadian satellite operators, and will facilitate the introduction of new technologies and continued high quality satellite communications in both countries.

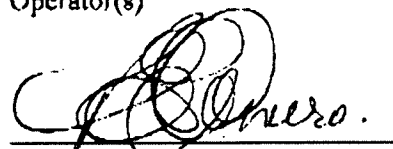
Signed in Istanbul on May 31st, 2000.

BY SATMEX



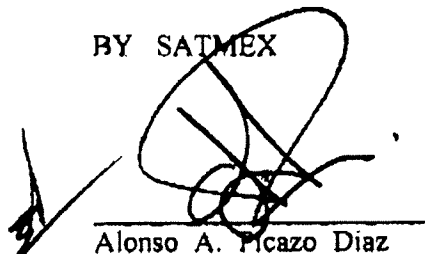
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On behalf of future Canadian
Operator(s)



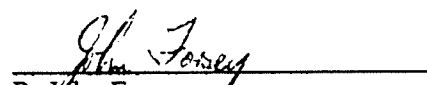
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Carol Hilton, hereby certify that on this 7th day of June, 2000, I caused copies of the foregoing **Withdrawal of Telestat Canada's Opposition to Satelites Mexicanos, S.A., DE C.V.'s Petition for Declaratory Ruling** to be hand delivered to the following:

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