



## **Petition for Reconsideration**

Microcom, a DBS and broadband satellite distributor in Alaska and Hawaii, hereby petitions the Commission to reconsider its ruling to allow Telesat and Wildblue to serve the US market using the Ka band capacity on Anik F-2. The effect of this ruling will result in the loss of broadband service to rural Alaska and Hawaii due to the probable demise of Starband. Anik F2 Ka band transponders will cover only a small portion of the Alaskan land mass and no portion of Hawaii. Starband currently provides full coverage of both states. Wildblue and Telesat plan to provide higher access speeds for less monthly cost than Starband made possible by the frequency reuse of Ka band spectrum. The subsequent market pressure placed on Starband could result in its demise or sale of its subscriber base to Wildblue. We do not think it is sound public policy to allow a foreign space station to result in loss of broadband services to Alaska and Hawaii and do not think the Commission properly considered this impact in evaluating the Telesat petition.

## **Specific Relief Requested**

The Commission should place additional conditions on the use of the Anik F-2 satellite Ka band capacity such that service to the United States cannot begin unless provisions are made to prevent loss of consumer satellite broadband access in Alaska and Hawaii.

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