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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Telesat Canada, Notification of Milestone Completion for Anik F3; File No. SAT-PPL-20060516-00061; Call Sign S2703

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Telesat Canada, by its attorneys, hereby notifies the Commission that the first three milestones for the Anik F3 satellite have been satisfied. On January 19, 2007, the Commission granted Telesat Canada's ("Telesat") request for a declaratory ruling to add the C- and Ku-band payloads of Anik F3 to the Commission's Permitted Space Station List ("Permitted List").¹ In that order, the Commission conditioned inclusion of Anik F3 on the Permitted List on Telesat's compliance with the following milestones:

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| (1) Execute Contract for Construction: | December 20, 2006; |
| (2) Complete Critical Design Review: | December 20, 2007; |
| (3) Commence Physical Construction: | December 20, 2008; and |
| (4) Launch: | December 20, 2010. ² |

These are the same milestones that the FCC established for the Anik F3 satellite when it granted EchoStar LLC ("EchoStar") blanket authorization for one million receive-only earth stations that would receive direct-to-home programming from Anik F3 in the Ku-band.³

¹ *Telesat Canada Petition for Declaratory Ruling for Inclusion of ANIK F3 on the Permitted Space Station List*, Order, File No. SAT-PPL-20060516-00061, DA 07-118 (January 19, 2007)

² *Id.* ¶ 20.

³ EchoStar LLC, *Order and Authorization*, 20 FCC Rcd 20083 (2005).



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In satisfaction of the first milestone requirement, on November 27, 2006, Telesat provided the full and unedited copy of its spacecraft construction contract with EADS Astrium SAS ("Astrium").⁴

In satisfaction of the second and third milestone requirements, Telesat provides the attached declaration and photographs originally submitted to the FCC by EchoStar in connection with its pending request for a reduction of the \$3 million bond payable on its earth station authorizations to communicate with Anik F3.⁵ The "Declaration of David Wendling Regarding the Construction Status of the Anik F3 Satellite" dated January 18, 2006 and the photographs provided as Attachment 1 confirm that all critical design review has been completed and that physical construction of the Anik F3 satellite is substantially completed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer D. Hindin
Colleen King

Counsel for Telesat Canada

⁴ Letter from Bert W. Rein and Carl R. Frank, Counsel for Telesat Canada, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, *Re: Telesat Canada, Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Add ANIK F3 to the Permitted List*, File No. SAT-PPL-20060516-00061, Call Sign S2703 (filed November 27, 2006).

⁵ Letter from Philip L. Malet, Counsel for EchoStar Satellite L.L.C., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, *Re: EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. Authorization to Operate Earth Stations with Telesat Canada's Anik F3 Satellite*, File Nos. SES-LFS-20040831-01253 and SES-LIC-20050621-00799 (filed January 19, 2006).



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**Declaration of David Wendling Regarding the Construction
Status of the Anik F3 Satellite**

I, David Wendling, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the foregoing is true and correct:

1. I am a Space Systems Director for Telesat Canada, operator of the Anik F3 satellite. I am responsible for the performance and operations of the Anik F3 satellite. My responsibilities include monitoring the progress of satellite construction, ensuring conformance of the satellite's performance and operation to specification, reviewing the results of design reviews and testing, and as part of the Space Systems senior management for authorizing any changes to the satellite's specifications.
2. Critical Design Review for the Anik F3 satellite has been completed and physical construction is substantially completed. The satellite currently is in thermal vacuum testing, which Telesat Canada expects to be completed by early February 2006, and the satellite is expected to be ready to ship from the factory in May/June 2006, in anticipation of an August 2006 launch date.
3. Attachment 1 to this declaration provides photographs of the Anik F3 satellite as the bus and payload modules are being integrated just prior to undergoing thermal vacuum testing as evidence that physical construction of the Anik F3 satellite is substantially completed.

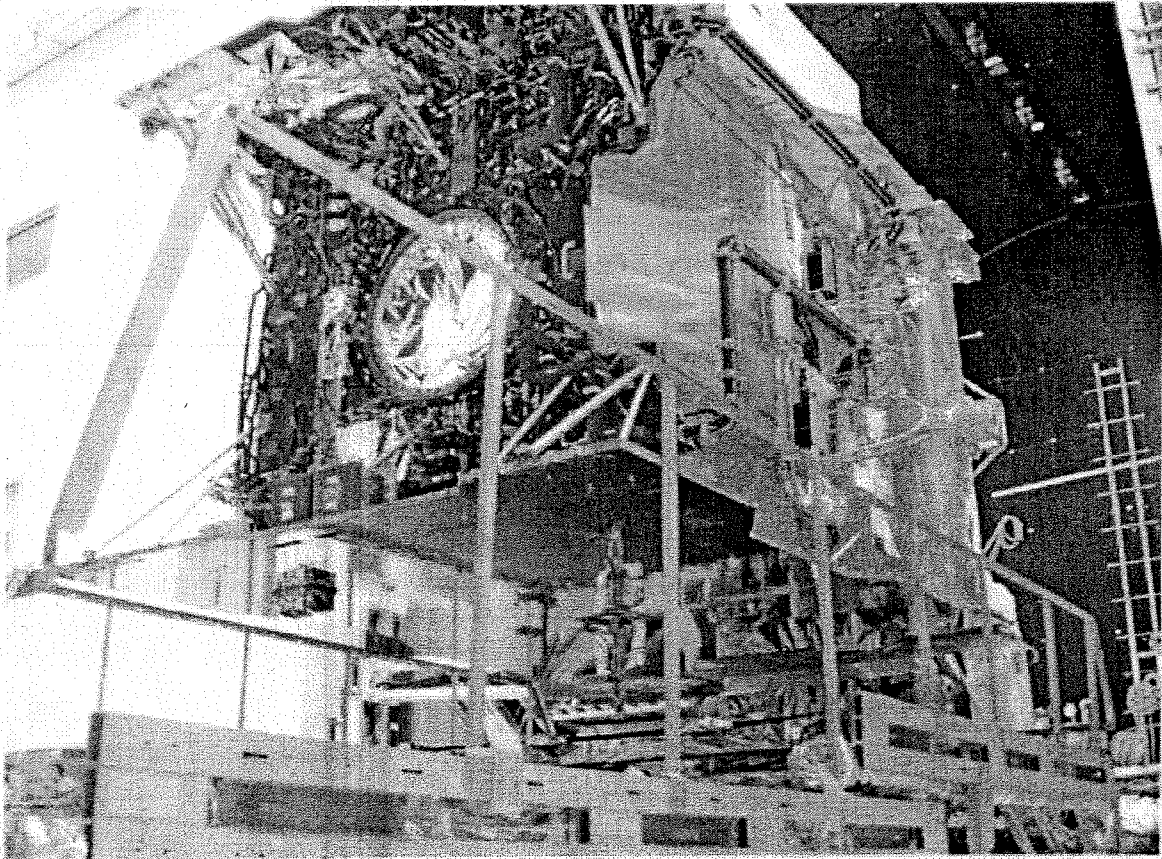
Executed on January 18, 2006

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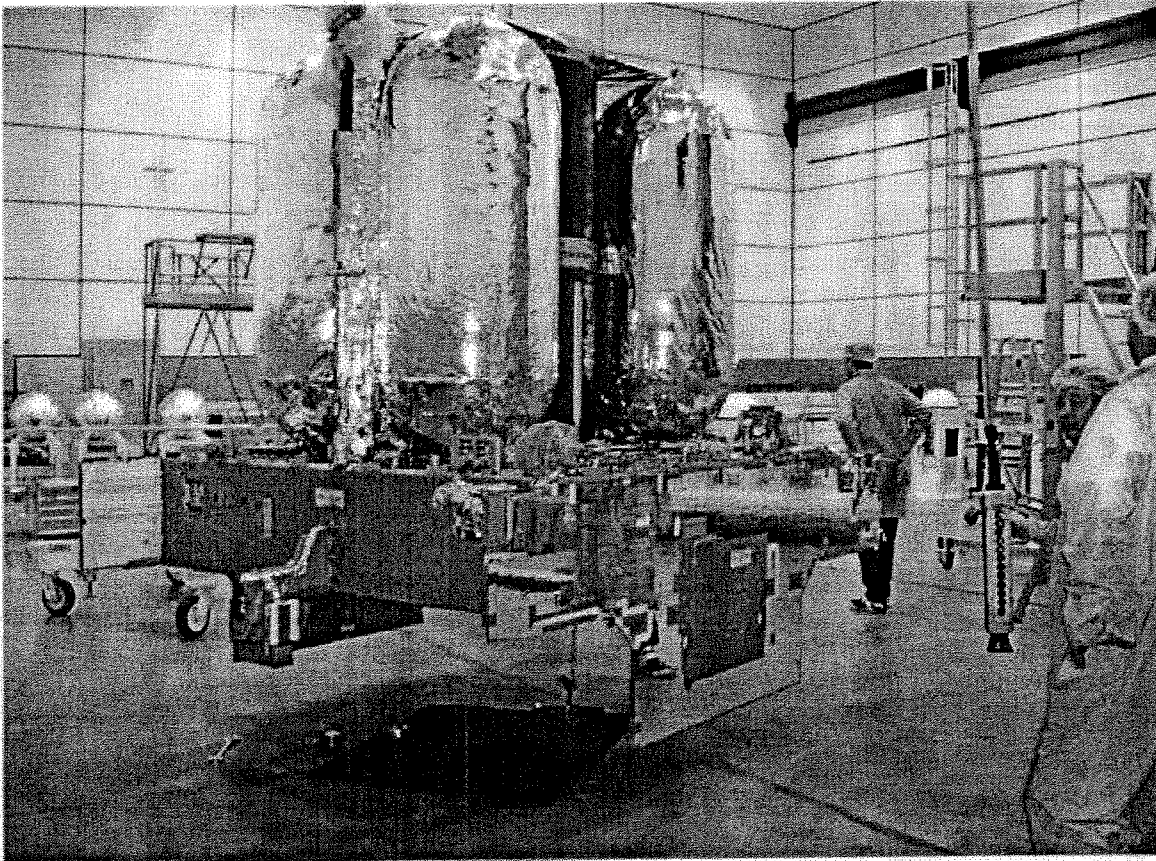
David Wendling
Director Satellite Control

Attachment 1
To Declaration of David Wendling

Anik F3 Satellite - SCTV Chamber



Anik F3 Satellite - Service Module



Anik F3 Satellite - Coupling Phase

