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Re: Special Temporary Authority for Iridium Constellation LLC To Provide Global Mobile Satellite Service in the 1620.10-1621.35 MHz Frequency Band; File No. SAT-STA-20031010-00313; Request for Extension of Time to File Report

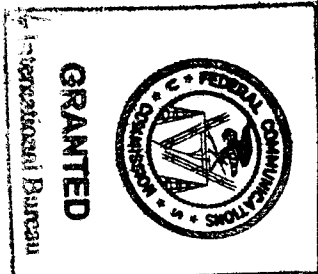
Dear Mr. Tycz:

Iridium Constellation, LLC ("Iridium"), by its counsel, respectfully requests a two week extension of time to file its January 1, 2004 report updating the status of its continuing need for authority to provide global mobile satellite service ("MSS") in the 1620.10-1621.35 MHz frequency band ("Channel 9") pursuant to the International Bureau's STA grant on December 11, 2003.¹

An extension of the deadline to file Iridium's next spectrum report, which is due on January 2, 2004, has become necessary because Iridium's Chief Technical Officer, who is and has been personally responsible for generating the report of "information regarding system loading and system capacity over the Middle East region, from April 1, 2003 to the date of the report,"² has become unexpectedly incapacitated and unavailable due to a recently sustained, severe personal injury. Iridium hopes that a two week extension—until January 16, 2004—will allow the CTO time to recover from his injuries to the point that he would be able to provide sufficient guidance and information to enable another Iridium engineer to generate the reports required by the *Dec. 11 STA Grant*.

¹ Special Temporary Authority for Iridium Constellation LLC To Provide Global Mobile Satellite Service in the 1620.10-1621.35 MHz Frequency Band; File No. SAT-STA-20031010-00313 (Dec. 11, 2003) ("*Dec. 11 STA Grant*").

² *Id.* ¶ 19.



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