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**Re: Completion of Testing of AMC-12
File No. SAT-STA-20040916-00180, Call Sign S2415**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Columbia Communications Corporation ("Columbia"), by its attorneys, hereby notifies the Commission that it has completed testing of AMC-12 at the 67.5° W.L. orbital location. On March 17, 2005, pursuant to authority granted in the above referenced proceeding,¹ Columbia commenced drifting AMC-12 from 67.5° W.L. in the direction of the satellite's assigned orbit location, 37.5° W.L.²

¹ *Columbia Communications Corporation, Order and Authorization*, DA 05-244 (Sat. Div. rel. Jan. 28, 2005).

² Columbia recently filed a request for Special Temporary Authority to operate AMC-12 at 37.45° W.L. (File No. SAT-STA-20050316-00065) and is preparing a modification application to seek permanent assignment of AMC-12 to 37.45° W.L. The proposed offset is intended to simplify stationkeeping at 37.5° W.L., where Loral operates the Telstar 11 Ku-band spacecraft. If the Commission grants the STA request prior to AMC-12's arrival, Columbia intends to position AMC-12 at 37.45° W.L. rather than at 37.5° W.L.

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Please direct any questions regarding this submission to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. A. Hastings', with a small dot at the end of the signature.

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