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Re: Commencement of Inclined Orbit Operations of Galaxy 3R

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 25.280 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> PanAmSat Licensee Corp. ("PanAmSat"), by its attorneys, hereby notifies the Commission that inclined orbit operations have commenced on Galaxy 3R, which is located at the 111.0° W.L.<sup>2</sup>

The inclined orbit operations began on October 1, 2004 with an initial inclination of 0.06 degrees. The anticipated rate of change in inclination per year is 0.95 degrees. Galaxy 3R has enough propellant in reserve for East-West stationkeeping and attitude control for approximately four years of inclined orbit operations.

Consistent with the requirements set forth in Section 25.280(b) of the rules, PanAmSat will, in its operation of Galaxy 3R in an inclined orbit mode: (1) periodically correct the satellite's altitude; (2) avoid interference to adjacent satellites exceeding the

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 25.280.

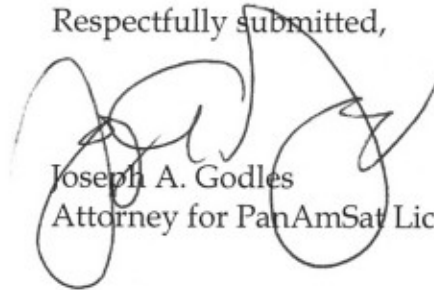
<sup>2</sup> See File No. SAT-STA-20040923-00186.

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levels that would be generated absent inclined orbit operations; (3) not claim additional protection from interference; and (4) maintain the satellite's authorized longitudinal orbital location.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Godles', is written over the typed name and title.

Joseph A. Godles  
Attorney for PanAmSat Licensee Corp.

cc: Karl Kensinger, FCC