

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 42a
Use of Non-U.S.-Licensed Satellites

As noted in this application, the proposed authorization may be used to communicate with non-U.S. space stations that are on the Commission's Permitted Space Station List ("Permitted List"). Pursuant to the *DISCO II First Reconsideration Order*,^{1/} a U.S.-licensed earth station is permitted to access any space station on the Permitted List, provided that the space station complies with the Commission's technical requirements and operates under the conditions on its license and any limitations placed on the space station authorization or noted in the Permitted List. The authorization does not intend to be used to communicate with any non-U.S. space station that is not on the Permitted List.

^{1/} See *Amendment of the Commission's Regulatory Policies to Allow Non-U.S. Licensed Space Stations to Provide Domestic and International Satellite Service in the United States*, First Order on Reconsideration, 15 FCC Rcd 7207 (1999).