

August 8, 2003

Mr. William F. Caton Deputy Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: 1. Withdrawal of ESATEL STA Application SES-STA-20030324-00368

2. Withdrawal of ESATEL STA Application filed 8/8/03-no file number

3. Amendment of ESATEL License Application SES-LIC-20020920-01635

Dear Mr. Caton:

Pursuant to discussions with various officials of the Systems Analysis Branch of the Satellite Division within the International Bureau, Esatel Communications, Inc. ("ESATEL"), hereby:

(1) withdraws ESATEL STA application SES-STA-20030324-00368, filed on March 24, 2003,

which application seeks the extension of ESATEL STA SES-STA-20020920-01646) in order to permit ESATEL's continued use of a 5.6 meter dish to communicate with the Eutelsat Atlantic Bird 2 satellite at 8 degrees W.L. in the extended Ku-band uplink frequencies;

(2) withdraws ESATEL STA application filed on August 8, 2003, for which no file number has yet been generated,

which application seeks special temporary authority from the FCC to permit ESATEL's use of a 5.6 meter dish to communicate with the Eutelsat Atlantic Bird 2 satellite at 8 degrees W.L. in the <u>conventional Ku-band</u> uplink frequencies; and

(3) requests amendment of ESATEL license application SES-LIC-20020920-01635, filed on September 20, 2002, which license was dismissed by delegated authority on June 11, 2003, but for which a Petition for Reconsideration was filed on July 31, 2003, and which Petition was granted on August 1, 2003. Specifically, ESATEL requests that the now pending license

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application be amended such that the application requests the use of Esatel's 5.6 meter dish to communicate with the Eutelsat Atlantic Bird 2 satellite at 8 degrees W.L. only in the conventional Ku-band uplink frequencies (14.0-14.5 GHz) and the international Ku-band downlink frequencies (10.95-11.2 GHz and 11.45 to 11.7 GHz). ESATEL no longer seeks authority to communicate with the satellite using extended Ku-band frequencies in the 13.75-14.0 GHz band. ESATEL acknowledges that, consistent with the requirements of NG104 of the Table of Frequency Allocations, its transmissions in the 10.95-11.2 GHz and 11.45-11.7 GHz bands must be limited to international communications.

Please call Esatel's attorney, Keil J. Ritterpusch, of Pierson & Burnett, LLP, at (703) 683-3044 if you should have any questions related to the requests in this letter or otherwise email me. Also, please fax back to me at (703) 683-3044 a confirmation of your receipt of this letter.

Cordially yours,

Jack Rehman

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