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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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**Re: Request for Extension of Closing Deadline; IB Docket No. 03-115;
Transfer of Control of Satellite Earth Stations E000164 and KA-34;
File Nos. SES-T/C-20030418-00502, SES-T/C-20030418-00501**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pacific Telecom Inc. ("PTI") and Bell Atlantic New Zealand Holdings, Inc. ("BANZHI"), by their attorneys, respectfully request an additional 60 days—from April 29, 2005 through and including June 27, 2005—to complete the transfer of control of the above-referenced earth station licenses in the above-captioned docket. On November 6, 2003, the International Bureau, Wireline Competition Bureau, and Wireless Bureau authorized a transfer of control from BANZHI to PTI of certain licenses held by The Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation ("MTC") and its subsidiary GTE Pacifica Inc. ("GTE Pacifica").

Unfortunately, despite the ongoing diligent efforts of the parties, not all of the conditions to the closing of the transaction have yet been satisfied. The parties continue to await final approval from the local regulatory authority in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission, for the transfer of control of the local telecommunications license. The parties cannot close the transaction before obtaining this additional regulatory approval.

Pursuant to Section 25.119 of the Commission's rules, the earliest deadline for consummating this transaction was 60 days after authorization—January 5, 2004.¹ On January 5, 2004, the Commission granted PTI/BANZHI's request for an

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.119. The 60-day deadline pertains to the two earth station licenses. A relevant deadline also applies for the wireless license. The initial deadline for consummation is 180 days after authorization, which was May 4, 2004. The parties requested a 180-day extension of that deadline on May 1, 2004, File No. 0001721117, and requested a further extension until April 29, 2005, by a filing submitted October 27, 2004, File No. 0001915450. Concurrently with this request, the parties are filing a third extension request for the wireless license.