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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Office of Secretary

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 June 28, 2005 through and including August 26, 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 Micronesian 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. Although the local regulatory authority in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission, by order dated June 16, 2005 granted approval for the transfer of control of the local telecommunications license, that approval was made subject to a number of conditions precedent, and is also subject to appeal. Accordingly, the parties will not be in a position to close the transaction until the conditions precedent have been satisfied, assuming at that point there has been no appeal and stay of the order.

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

147 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. On subsequent occasions, the parties have requested additional time from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau in which to consummate the