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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION:

Ex Parte Status of Pending Loral Modification Applications SAT-MOD-19991101-00109 SAT-MOD-19991102-00106

With this Public Notice, we redesignate the *ex parte* status of the two applications filed by Loral Space and Communications Ltd. (Loral) cited above. Loral is currently authorized to launch and operate Telstar 8, formerly known as Loral 2, a hybrid C/Ku-band satellite at the 77° W.L. orbit location.¹ Telstar 8 is currently under construction. In one of its pending modification applications, SAT-MOD-19991102-00106, Loral requests authority to modify its Telstar 8 authorization from the 77° W.L. to the 89° W.L. orbit location, and to add Ka-band capacity to the satellite. In its other modification application, SAT-MOD-19991101-00109, Loral seeks authority to relocate Telstar 4, a hybrid C/Ku-band satellite currently operating at 89° W.L., to 77° W.L. Loral's predecessor in interest, Orion Network Systems, Inc., was authorized to operate a Ka-band satellite system at the 89° W.L. orbit location in the First Ka-band Processing Round in 1997. Orion Network Systems, Inc., *Order and Authorization*, 12 FCC Rcd 23027 (Int'l Bur. 1997).

In March 1999, we redesignated the Second Ka-band Processing Round as "permit but disclose" for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. We concluded that redesignation would be in the public interest because of the intricate legal and technical issues raised by the applications in the Second Ka-band Processing Round. See Satellite Policy Branch Information, Ka-Band Satellite Applications Accepted for Filing, *Public Notice*, Report No. SAT-00012 (released Mar. 16, 1999), at 11. Later, because of the interrelated nature of the First and Second Ka-band Processing Rounds, we found that it was in the public interest to redesignate the *ex parte*

¹ Assignment of Orbital Locations to Space Stations in the Domestic Fixed Satellite Service, *Order and Authorizations*, 11 FCC Rcd 13788, 13797 (Int'l Bur., 1996) (*1996 Orbital Assignment Order*).

status of the first round Ka-band applications from a restricted to a permit-but-disclose proceeding. See International Bureau Satellite Policy Branch Information, *Ex Parte* Status of Ka-Band Application Proceedings, *Public Notice*, Report No. SAT-00012 (released Sept. 29, 2000). Because the two pending Loral modification applications are interrelated with one of the licenses granted in the First Ka-band Processing Round, we now conclude that it is in the public interest to redesignate the *ex parte* status of these modification applications from a restricted to a permit-but-disclose proceeding.

Accordingly, *ex parte* presentations relating to either of the two pending Loral modification applications cited above are subject to the disclosure requirements set forth in Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 303; and pursuant to Sections 0.261, and 1.1200(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.261, 1.1200(a).

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