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2 GHz MSS Systems in Compliance with Second Milestone Requirement

In July 2001, the International Bureau (Bureau) authorized eight applicants to provide Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) to U.S. consumers using assigned service-link frequencies in the 2 GHz MSS band. The authorizations specified implementation milestone schedules for satellite construction, launch, and commencement of system operation, and each authorization was issued subject to a condition that it would become void in the event the authorized entity failed to meet any of the milestone requirements.

The Bureau found that the Boeing Company (Boeing), Celsat America, Inc. (Celsat), ICO Satellite Services G.P. (ICO) and Iridium 2GHz LLC (Iridium) met the first 2 GHz MSS milestone. The second 2 GHz MSS milestone, Critical Design Review (CDR), was to be completed by July 17, 2003. Each of the authorized entities timely submitted documentation certifying CDR milestone completion. In addition, the Bureau requested that each authorized entity supply additional information such as a copy of the documentation package prepared for payload subsystem CDR and the resulting CDR Report and Actions Items List, and evidence that milestone payments required by their respective satellite-manufacturing contract had been made.

From review of the information provided in response to the letters of inquiry, the Bureau has determined that the following 2 GHz MSS authorized entities have complied with the CDR milestone and are making progress with construction of their respective satellite systems.

Celsat

File Nos. 26/27/28-DSS-P-94, 36-SAT-AMEND-95, 65/66/67-SAT-AMEND-96, 192-SAT-AMEND-97, and 88-SAT-AMEND-98; IBFS Nos. SAT-A/O-19940408-00016/17/18, SAT-AMD-19941125-00089, SAT-AMD-19960124-00007/8/9, SAT-AMD-19970925-00124, SAT-AMD-19980113-00009, and SAT-AMD-20001103-00153

ICO

File No. 188-SAT-LOI-97; IBFS Nos. SAT-LOI-19970926-00163, SAT-AMD-20000612-00107, SAT-AMD-20001103-00155

The CDR milestone information submitted by Boeing and Iridium will be addressed in one or more Orders disposing of the pending applications for modification of Boeing's 2 GHz MSS license (File Nos. SAT-MOD-20030711-00128 and SAT-AMD-20030827-00241) and Iridium's 2 GHz MSS license (File No. SAT-MOD-20030828-00286).

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