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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

Applications Accepted for Filing

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

SAT-PDR-20000111-00047

EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE TELECOMUNICACOES, S.A. (EMBRATEL)

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

On January 16, 2001, the Satellite and Radiocommunication Division of the International Bureau (Division) added the Brasilsat A2 satellite, operated by Empresa Brasileira de Telecomunicações S.A. (Embratel) to the Permitted Space Station List. See Empresa Brasileira de Telecomunicações S.A., Petition for Declaratory Ruling on Access to Brasilsat A2 Satellite via U.S. Earth Stations, Order, DA 00-2878 (Sat. and Rad. Div., Int'l Bur., released Jan. 16, 2001) (Embratel Permitted List Order). On March 1, 2001, Embratel informed us that 19.9 percent of its company was purchased by Société Européenne des Satellites S.A., and was renamed "STAR ONE S.A." Letter from Alfred M. Mamlet, Counsel for Embratel, to Thomas S. Tycz, Chief, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, International Bureau (Mar. 1, 2001).

We invite parties to raise issues regarding whether this purchase has any effect on any element of the analysis conducted in the Embratel Permitted List Order, no later than April 5, 2001.

SAT-PDR-20010309-00020 NSS-7

NEW SKIES SATELLITES N.V.

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

In 1999, the Commission adopted the New Skies Market Access Order, which granted authority under the DISCO II framework to 136 earth stations to communicate with one or more of five satellites currently operated by New Skies Satellites, N.V. (New Skies), subject to conditions, for three years after the release date of the that Order. See New Skies Satellites, N.V., Order and Authorization, 14 FCC Rcd 13003 (1999) (New Skies Market Access Order).

On October 31, 2000, New Skies requested the Commission to extend the 136 earth station authorizations to full ten-year terms, and to waive the conditions placed on those earth station authorizations. File No. SAT-PDR-20001031-00146. In that context, New Skies also stated that it was planning to launch NSS-7 in 2002, and requested us not to impose a non-interference condition on NSS-7. Letter from William M. Wiltshire, Counsel for New Skies Satellites, N.V. to Secretary, FCC, dated January 22, 2001. New Skies later provided technical information for NSS-7. See Letter from William M. Wiltshire, Counsel for New Skies Satellites, N.V. to Secretary, FCC, dated March 9, 2001.

Thus, New Skies has requested authority to use NSS-7 to provide service to the United States. We will treat this request as a petition for declaratory ruling to place NSS-7 on the Permitted Space Station List. The Permitted Space Station List denotes all satellites with which U.S. earth stations with "routinely" authorized technical parameters are permitted to communicate without additional Commission action, provided that those communications fall within the same technical parameters and conditions established in the earth stations' licenses. See Amendment of the Commission's Regulatory Policies to Allow Non-U.S.-Licensed Space Stations to Provide Domestic and International Satellite Service in the United States, First Order on Reconsideration, IB Docket No. 96-111, 15 FCC Rcd 7207 (1999) (DISCO II First Reconsideration Order).

Comments are due April 5, 2001. Replies are due April 12, 2001.

SAT-STA-20010226-00014 PAS-9 PANAMSAT LICENSEE CORP.
Special Temporary Authority

PanAmSat Corporation has filed an application for Special Temporary Authority to relocate PAS-9 from 58° W.L to 155.5° W.L., and to operate the C-band and Ku-band payloads on the satellite at that orbital location, for up to 180 days.

Comments may be filed on or before April 2, 2001. Replies may be filed on or before April 9, 2001.

For more information concerning this Notice, contact the Satellite and Radiocommunication Division at 202-418-0719; TTY 202-418-2555.