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Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV")
Ex Parte Presentation
IB Docket No. 01-185; File No. SAT-ASG-20010302-00017 et al.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 12, 2002, Carson Agnew, President and Chief Operating Officer, and Lon Levin, Vice President and Regulatory Counsel, of Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV"), along with Bruce Jacobs of Shaw Pittman LLP, counsel to MSV, met with Peter Tenhula, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell. MSV discussed the reasons why any proposal that requires MSV to participate in an auction for a license to operate its next-generation L-band satellite system would be a poor policy and would unnecessarily penalize MSV and its customer base. MSV emphasized that:

- licensees should be encouraged to replace their existing systems with more efficient systems without threat of losing their licenses and their businesses;
- MSV's licensed spectrum (the MSS L-band) must continue to be used for satellite service, so any auction of the spectrum will not serve the goal of letting the market decide whether the spectrum's highest and best use is for satellite or terrestrial service;
- MSV needs to begin construction of a replacement satellite and cannot wait through the time it will take for the process necessary to consider and conduct an auction;
- if MSV loses an auction, tens of thousands of existing customers and resellers (some of which hold their own FCC licenses) will be displaced;
- the ORBIT Act precludes the use of an auction of the license for a regional satellite system such as MSV's.

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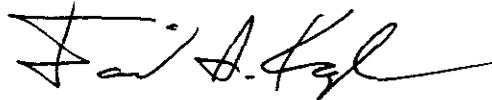
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Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Konczal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David S. Konczal

cc: Peter Tenhula