

April 11, 2003

EX PARTE

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals Building
445 12th Street, SW TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 02-34
IB Docket No. 00-248

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 10, I held a phone conversation with Rod Porter, Tom Tycz, Cassandra Thomas, Fern Jarmulnek, and Steve Spaeth of the FCC's International Bureau concerning the above-referenced proceeding. In particular, we discussed the performance bond concept currently under consideration by the Bureau, the contemplated timing for securing such a bond in the new licensing process, and the negative consequences of imposing such a bond, particularly if set at a level such as \$10 million per orbital slot.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joslyn Read

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S. Spaeth