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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Policy Branch
International Bureau

Re: Report No. SPB-196
Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 3, 2004, Andrew D'Uva, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, New Skies Satellites N.V. ("New Skies"), and Ruth Milkman, counsel for New Skies, met with Tom Tycz, Roderick Porter, Rick Engelman, John Martin, Robert Nelson, Arthur Lechtman, Chip Fleming, Rockie Patterson, and Steven Spaeth of the International Bureau, regarding the Commission's above-captioned Public Notice on proposals for reduced orbital spacing for Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") satellites. During this meeting, New Skies' representatives and International Bureau staff addressed issues raised by New Skies in its January 23, 2004 comments and February 13, 2004 reply comments on this Public Notice. In particular, New Skies discussed its view that the best approach for the Commission on DBS orbital spacing is to rely on the existing ITU coordination procedure and to take advantage of the ability to treat different parts of the DBS orbital arc differently.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Berman

cc: Tom Tycz Arthur Lechtman Kathryn Medley
Roderick Porter Chip Fleming JoAnn Lucanik
Rick Engelman Rockie Patterson Qualex International
John Martin Steven Spaeth
Robert Nelson Selina Khan