

November 1, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Iridium Constellation LLC Petition for Rulemaking to Promote Expanded Mobile
Satellite Service in the Big LEO MSS Band, RM-11697; Withdrawal of Petition*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Iridium Constellation LLC (“Iridium”) hereby withdraws the above-referenced petition for rulemaking without prejudice.

More than four years ago on February 11, 2013, Iridium filed this petition to expand spectrum access in the 1.6 GHz Big LEO MSS band. Since then there have been many changes in the regulatory environment for satellite services. Moreover, there has been no activity in the docket for more than a year, and no party other than Iridium has filed a pleading for more than two years.

Given the passage of time since the petition was originally filed, the changes in the regulatory environment, and the lack of recent docket activity, Iridium thinks it makes sense to withdraw the petition and close the docket.

However, with the ongoing rollout of Iridium NEXT, and the continued growth in subscribers and services it will support, Iridium reserves the right to seek the relief requested in the petition in the future based on marketplace and regulatory developments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "SCOTT HARRIS". The signature is stylized, with the first name "SCOTT" in all caps and the last name "HARRIS" in all caps, though the handwriting is cursive.

Scott Blake Harris
Counsel to Iridium Constellation LLC