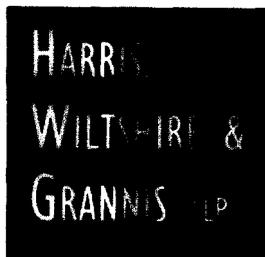


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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 99-81

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, on behalf of ICO Services Limited, Craig McCaw, Gerry Salemm, and I met with Chairman Michael Powell and his Senior Legal Advisor, Peter Tenhula. During the course of the meeting, Mr. McCaw briefed the Chairman and Mr. Tenhula on ICO's progress toward launching a global, non-geostationary 2 GHz MSS network. The discussion also covered the recent problems of the MSS industry and some possible solutions, including a new generation of consumer devices using Bluetooth and IEEE 802.11 technologies. ICO informed the Chairman and Mr. Tenhula that ICO would soon be proposing amendments to the Commission's rules to improve signal coverage and increase spectrum efficiency in 2 GHz MSS networks.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting an original and one copy of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Grannis", followed by a horizontal line.

Mark A. Grannis

cc: Chairman Powell
Peter Tenhula

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