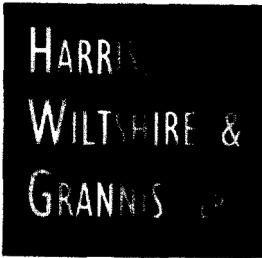


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Re: *IB Docket No. 99-81*

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, on behalf of ICO Services Limited, Craig McCaw and Gerry Salemme met with Chairman Furchtgott-Roth and his Senior Legal Advisor, Bryan Tramont. During the course of the meeting, Mr. McCaw briefed the Commissioner and Mr. Tramont 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 Commissioner and Mr. Tramont 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

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cc: Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth  
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