

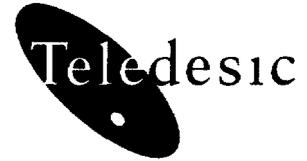
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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: *IB Docket No. 99-81*

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, on behalf of ICO Services Limited, Gerry Salemme, Larry Williams and I met with Dianne Cornell, Kathleen H. O'Brien, and Tom Stanley of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and with Julius Knapp, Herb Zeiler, and Tom Derenge of the Office of Engineering and Technology. During the course of the meeting, Mr. Salemme briefed the staff 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. We informed the staff 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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