

April 6, 2001

Ex Parte Letter

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, Southwest
Twelfth Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Request for Expedited Special Temporary Authority for the Brewster Earth Stations to Support In-Orbit and Integration System Tests with the ICO F-2 Satellite

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, on behalf of New ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd., Jeffrey Binckes and I met with Ron Repasi, Jennifer Gilsenan, Michael McCain, Sankar Persaud, and Sylvia Lam of the Satellite and Radiocommunication Division of the International Bureau to discuss the pending request of Verestar, Inc. to conduct tests at its Brewster, Washington earth station prior to and after the June 2001 launch of ICO's F-2 satellite.

Inter alia, we discussed the current status of coordination with other ground radio stations. We have attached a letter from COMSEARCH, Verestar's frequency coordination contractor, summarizing its 2 GHz frequency interference analysis and coordination with BAS and Microwave Services in Washington State, and with the state chapters of the Society of Broadcast Engineers.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting an electronic copy of this letter. If you have any questions concer