



December 17, 2003

Mr. Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of
Mitigation of Orbital Debris
Written *Ex Parte* Presentation
IB Docket No. 02-54

Dear Chairman Powell:

On December 11, 2003, the Satellite Industry Association ("SIA") submitted an *ex parte* letter addressing the Commission's proposal in the above-referenced proceeding to require geostationary ("GSO") satellites operating in the Mobile-Satellite Service ("MSS") to maintain a longitudinal (East-West) station keeping tolerance of 0.05°, rather than the currently permitted tolerance of 0.1°. ¹ After filing the letter, SIA subsequently determined that the letter did not reflect a consensus position among the members of SIA. SIA therefore hereby withdraws the letter.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard DalBello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Richard DalBello
President

cc:

Commissioner Powell
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Abernathy
Commissioner Adelstein
Sheryl Wilkerson
Sam Feder
Stephen Duall

Paul Margie
Jennifer Manner
Barry Ohlson
Don Abelson
Tom Tycz
Karl Kensinger
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
John Martin

¹ See *Mitigation of Orbital Debris*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, IB Docket No. 02-54 (March 18, 2002) at ¶ 47.