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ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EB Docket No. 04-296
Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 20, 2005, Kalpak Gude of PanAmSat Corporation ("PanAmSat") and the undersigned had a telephone conversation with Heather Dixon, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin, concerning the above-referenced proceeding. The PanAmSat representatives made the following points:

- Operators of Fixed Satellite Service ("FSS") space stations that are used to provide direct-to-home ("DTH") services do not control the content of the DTH services, and therefore are not in a position to implement an Emergency Alert System ("EAS") in connection with the DTH services.

Marlene H. Dortch

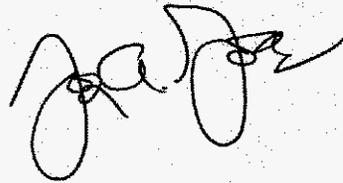
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- It would be impractical to apply EAS requirements to DTH FSS services that are directed principally to customers outside the United States, but that are provided on a "spillover" basis to limited numbers of customers within the United States.
- To the extent that these issues have not been fully developed in the record, it might be appropriate to make them the subject of a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Godles", written over a light gray dotted grid background.

Joseph A. Godles
Attorney for PanAmSat Corporation

cc: Heather Dixon