

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

**CONSTELLATION, LLC, CARLYLE PANAMSAT I, LLC, CARLYLE  
PANAMSAT II, LLC, PEP PAS, LLC, AND PEOP PAS, LLC,  
TRANSFERORS, AND INTELSAT HOLDINGS, LTD., TRANSFEREE,  
SEEK FCC CONSENT TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF LICENSES AND  
AUTHORIZATIONS HELD BY PANAMSAT LICENSEE CORP. AND  
PANAMSAT H-2 LICENSEE CORP.**

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Comments of Microcom

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Microcom, a DBS distributor and broadband VSAT provider in Alaska, asks the Commission to place conditions on the transfer of licenses such that Intelsat has to inform the Commission of its plans to serve Alaska. Specifically, Intelsat should be required to:

- a. Identify a replacement strategy for Intelsat Americas 7 (IA-7).
- b. Propose a strategy for serving Alaska from Pacific Ocean satellite slots.
- c. Propose a plan for extending Ku band coverage of Galaxy 10R and Horizons 1 to include all of Alaska.
- d. Provide guarantees for serving Alaska with technical service levels equal to center of beam performance for any new satellite launches west of 110 degrees west longitude and east of 170 degrees east longitude.

As a result of this merger, Intelsat will control 2/3 of the satellite capacity that could serve Alaska effectively. Alaska needs some assurance that we will in fact be served at a level comparable to other areas. Service levels in Alaska have historically been substantially less than that received in other geographic areas, and there has been a net loss of capacity serving all of Alaska as a result of the power supply anomaly on IA-7 a year ago. Intelsat has not proposed any plans for replacing IA-7 even though it is the only Ku band satellite that serves the entire state. In addition, the current designs of the Ku band antennas on both Galaxy 10R and Horizons 1 fail to serve the Aleutian Chain and southern Bering Sea even though they both offer C-band coverage. Finally no Intelsat satellites have ever provided significant service to Alaska, yet the Pacific Ocean satellite slots are well positioned to do that. Without fair and reasonable access to Intelsat satellite services rural Alaska will not have access to sufficient satellite capacity to meet the broadband needs of the future.

Respectfully Submitted:

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