

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2005

**Ms. Marlene Dortch**  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
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**Re: IB Docket No. 05-290; DA No. 05-2715;  
File Nos. SAT-T/C-20050930-00193; SAT-T/C-  
20050930-00194; SAT-T/C-20050930-01356; SAT-  
T/C-20050930-01357; SAT-T/C-20050930-01371**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Gateway Communications ("Gateway") appreciates this opportunity to comment on the recently filed consolidated application for authority to transfer control of Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") licenses held by indirect subsidiaries of PanAmSat Holding Corporation ("PanAmSat") to Intelsat Holdings, Ltd. ("Intelsat").<sup>1</sup> Gateway supports grant of the application.

Gateway is the leading provider of services to PTT's, cellular operators, competitive carriers and multinational companies, focused exclusively on Africa. Gateway is one of the most established operators in Africa and has been responsible for pioneering the delivery of cost-effective voice, data and e-commerce services throughout the region.

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<sup>1</sup> See Constellation, LLC, Carlyle PanAmSat I, LLC, Carlyle PanAmSat II, LLC, PEP PAS, LLC, and PEOP PAS, LLC, Transferors, and Intelsat Holdings, Ltd., Transferee, Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control, IB Docket No. 05-290 (filed Sept. 30, 2005).

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Gateway believes that the merger of Intelsat and PanAmSat will benefit end-user customers in Africa in several ways. The combined Intelsat and PanAmSat fleet will provide more complete coverage of Africa, allowing customers like Gateway to engage in one-stop shopping for satellite coverage of the continent. Post-merger, customers like Gateway also will enjoy the ability to acquire from a single provider a more comprehensive array of services than are currently available from Intelsat and PanAmSat separately. These efficiencies will, in turn, allow Gateway to better serve its end-user customers.

In addition, the merged company will have the scale, expertise and resources to help drive innovation of new satellite services. For example, a merged Intelsat/PanAmSat will be better able to invest in the continued development of broadband by satellite and, together with local service providers such as Gateway, to take such service to the market. Satellite broadband is particularly well-suited for Africa, where broadband via terrestrial means may not often be a viable option.

For all of these reasons, Gateway respectfully urges the FCC to approve the merger of Intelsat and PanAmSat.

Yours sincerely

Gateway Communications

by   
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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