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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
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445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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Re: IB Docket No. 05-290, Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control of  
PanAmSat Licensee Corp. and PanAmSat H-2 Licensee Corp. to Intelsat Holdings, Ltd.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Firestone Communications, Inc. ("Firestone") submits this letter in support of the consolidated application for authority to transfer control of PanAmSat's licenses to Intelsat.

Firestone is a Texas-based company that provides video origination and distribution services to cable programmers and producers throughout the world. Firestone utilizes the Intelsat Americas 13 satellite to provide its customers with connectivity to over 3,000 digital cable head-ends in the United States as well as access to Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Cable programmers rely on Firestone to deliver their programs to cable head-ends via satellite. If the programs do not reach the head-ends, they will not be picked up by distributors and will therefore not reach viewers across the Americas. Given the importance of dependable satellite capacity to Firestone's services, Firestone and its customers will benefit greatly from the additional back-up capacity that the Intelsat-PanAmSat merger will provide. Additionally, the greater reliability of the combined fleet will encourage new customers to use Firestone's services to distribute cable programming, increasing the availability of diverse programming options in North and Central America. For these reasons, Firestone strongly encourages the Commission to grant Intelsat's and PanAmSat's consolidated application to transfer control.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael G. Fletcher

President

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Derrick Johnson, do hereby certify that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005, I sent, via electronic mail, a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter of Firestone Communications, Inc. to the following:

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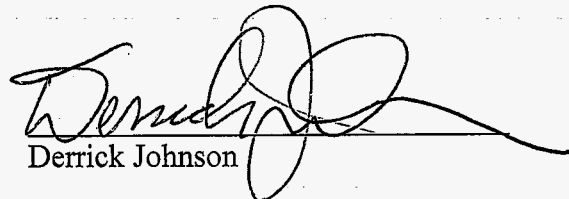
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