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

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:

StarBand Communications Inc. ("StarBand") herein comments on the proposed merger of PanAmSat Holding Corporation ("PanAmSat") and Intelsat Holdings, Ltd. ("Intelsat").

StarBand provides two-way, always-on, high-speed satellite Internet service to residential, telecommuter, and small business customers throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and several Caribbean and Central American countries. StarBand is one of only a very small number of providers of two-way satellite broadband Internet access to customers in Alaska and Hawaii.

StarBand provides service to Alaska and Hawaii by utilizing capacity on Intelsat's IA-7 satellite. StarBand's service is extremely important to customers in these two states because there are so few satellite-based broadband options available to them. Intelsat has

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been -- and continues to be -- a very good partner of StarBand's in ensuring that these two states have access to broadband by satellite. Indeed, when Intelsat acquired certain satellite assets of Loral Space & Communications, Ltd. in 2004, it voluntarily committed to continue access to broadband service to those areas and customers in Alaska and Hawaii that were receiving such service from StarBand.¹

StarBand believes that the merger of PanAmSat and Intelsat will not adversely affect Intelsat's commitment with respect to serving Alaska and Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Katz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Glenn Katz
Chief Operating Officer

¹ See Letter from Ramu Potarazu, President, Intelsat North America LLC, to Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, File Nos. SAT-ASG-20030728-00138, SAT-ASG-20030728-00139 (Feb. 5, 2004).