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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: Ex Parte Filing  
PS Dkt. No. 06-229  
WT Dkt. No. 96-86

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 20, 2007, Tom Dombrowsky (Engineering Consultant) of Wiley Rein LLP and the undersigned on behalf of Iridium Satellite LLC (“Iridium”) had a telephone conversation with Dana Shaffer, Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau concerning the above referenced dockets.

In particular, Iridium agreed that the Commission should encourage leveraging the benefits of satellites in crafting service rules for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band. In order to do so, the Commission should allow public safety to select from the broadest range of technology to suit their needs. To allow public safety the widest choice of satellite services, the Commission should encourage the use of seamlessly integrated technology in both the terrestrial 700 MHz public safety spectrum as well as one or more bands in which satellite systems operate. Use of seamlessly integrated devices would allow for a terrestrial public safety handset connecting through an interoperability device to facilitate communication between satellite and terrestrial devices or a single unit capable of communicating directly with terrestrial and satellite systems.

The ability to access a satellite network will ensure that public safety user equipment remains operable when the terrestrial infrastructure is destroyed, while avoiding unnecessary delays and inefficiencies. Moreover, including satellite capability could ensure that any 700 MHz public safety network provides ubiquitous coverage in the near term.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced dockets. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.



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Sincerely,

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