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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WT Docket No. 02-55, ET Docket No. 00-258, and ET Docket No. 95-18**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 1, 2008, the undersigned, Peter Corea, and CEO Tim Bryan of ICO Global Communications (“ICO”) met with Commissioner Michael Copps and Bruce Gottlieb, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps. ICO discussed the comments it filed on December 19, 2007 addressing the “Consensus Plan” of Sprint Nextel Corporation, the Association For Maximum Service Television, Inc. (MSTV), the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), and the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), filed in the above-referenced proceedings on December 6, 2007.

ICO discussed the imminent launch of the ICO G1 satellite and ICO’s ability to meet operational milestones. ICO also discussed its ability to enter into mobile satellite service (“MSS”) operations on a trial basis in 2008 and on a nationwide basis in 2009. ICO noted that it does not oppose substantial relief for Sprint, so long as that relief does not substantially harm consumers’ access to MSS offerings or the reasonable and substantial business interests of MSS operators. ICO addressed the need for regulatory certainty in connection with the BAS clearing. Accordingly, ICO urged that any order waiving or extending Sprint’s obligations to clear BAS incumbents for a period of time must provide for: initial testing and trial of MSS systems in 2008; the ability to begin nationwide service by early 2009; meaningful enforcement of new deadlines; and an accounting for the cost of delays in MSS access to spectrum.

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Respectfully submitted,

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