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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Iridium Holdings/GHL Acquisition (GHQ/Iridium Communications)
IB DK No. 08- 232 (DA 08-2574 Rel. Nov. 26, 2008)
ITC-T/C-20081021-00471
SES-T/C-20081021-01350, -01351, -01352, -01353
SAT-T/C-20081021-00208**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), requests that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") defer action on the above-referenced series of applications pursuant to sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Communications Act"). These applications seek approval of the transfer of control of Iridium Carrier Services LLC ("Iridium Carrier Services"), Iridium Satellite LLC ("Iridium Satellite"), and Iridium Constellation LLC ("Iridium Constellation") and their respective FCC licenses and authorizations, from Iridium Holdings and Iridium Carrier Holdings to GHQ, a U.S. special purpose acquisition company established for the purpose of entering into a merger or similar business combination with an operating company. DOJ, DHS, and FBI ("the Agencies")

are currently reviewing this matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until such time as the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their review and, based on the results of such review, request appropriate action by the Commission.

DOJ, FBI, and DHS will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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