



April 3, 2009

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**  
WT Docket No. 02-55; ET Docket Nos. 00-258 and 95-18

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 2, 2009, the undersigned and Peter Corea, Senior Regulatory Counsel for ICO Global Communications (“ICO”) met with Geraldine Matisse, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology (“OET”) Policy and Rules Division; Howard Griboff, Deputy Chief, International Bureau Policy Division; Jamison Prime, Spectrum Policy Branch Chief, OET; and Nicholas Oros, Attorney-Advisor for OET. ICO discussed the comments it filed on March 9, 2009 addressing the “Supplemental Joint Request” of Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”), the Association For Maximum Service Television, Inc., the National Association of Broadcasters, and the Society of Broadcast Engineers (collectively the “Sprint/BAS parties”), filed in the above-referenced proceedings on February 12, 2009. ICO also discussed comments it filed in connection with the March 2008 *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above-referenced proceedings.<sup>1</sup>

In particular, ICO emphasized the importance of certainty about the ability to provide commercial service in order to make the necessary preparations and investments to do so. Further, ICO noted that the Mobile Satellite Service (“MSS”) licensees have presented uncontested technical studies demonstrating that MSS systems and BAS operations can coexist during the completion of the BAS relocation process. Finally, ICO discussed downlink clearing and certain device development initiatives.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 23 FCC Rcd 4393 (2008).

<sup>2</sup> ICO discussed the announcement of its agreement with Qualcomm and other MSS operators to develop a satellite protocol to enable integration of satellite and cellular

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Respectfully submitted,

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communication technology in select multi-mode mobile baseband chipsets. *SkyTerra's Mobile Satellite Ventures, ICO Global Communications, and Qualcomm Sign Groundbreaking Technology Agreement Enabling First-Ever Integration of Satellite Communications into Mass Market Cellular Handsets and Devices*, News Release, ICO Global Communication (Holdings) Limited available at <http://investor.ico.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=335787>.