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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU INFORMATION: REPORT TO CONGRESS REGARDING THE ORBIT ACT

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IB Docket No. 10-70

Comment Date: **April 7, 2010**
Reply Comment Date: **April 14, 2010**

Section 646 of the Open-Market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications Act ("the ORBIT Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 646, requires the Commission to report annually to the Committees on Commerce and International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Foreign Relations of the Senate on the progress made to achieve the objectives and carry out the purposes and provisions of ORBIT Act. The Commission issued its first report on June 15, 2000, its second report on June 15, 2001, its third report on June 14, 2002, its fourth report on June 16, 2003, its fifth report on June 15, 2004, its sixth report on June 15, 2005, its seventh report on June 15, 2006, its eighth report on June 15, 2007, its ninth report on June 13, 2008, and its tenth report on June 15, 2009.[1] The next report is due on June 15, 2010.

The purpose of the Act is to promote a fully competitive global market for satellite communications services for the benefit of consumers and providers of satellite services and equipment by fully privatizing INTELSAT and Inmarsat. The Commission has previously received comment on INTELSAT's and Inmarsat's privatization in connection with other proceedings and prior to earlier reports to Congress. The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for industry and consumers to file additional comments, particularly with respect to the impact of privatization on U.S. industry, jobs, and industry access to the global marketplace. Comments and views will be reflected in the Commission's report and made available in full to the House and Senate committees.

Comments should be filed on or before April 7, 2010 and Reply Comments on or before April 14, 2010. Comments and reply comments should be filed in IB Docket No. 10-70.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing

[1] *See*, e.g. FCC Report to Congress as Required by the ORBIT Act, FCC 09-51 (rel. June 15, 2009).

System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/ or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

  Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

  - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

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