

SUMMARY OF MEETING BETWEEN FCC INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AND HISPASAT/HISPAMAR

On December 14, 2010 representatives of Hispasat S.A. / Hispamar S.A. met with representatives of the Federal Communication Commission. The representatives of Hispasat S.A./Hispamar S.A. included Christina Garcia, Vicente Rubio, Ruben Levcovitz, and Don Jansky. The representatives of the FCC International Bureau included Mindel de la Torre (chief), Bob Nelson, Paul Blais, Kathryn Medley, Stephen Duall, and Frank Peace.

The purpose of the meeting was for Hispasat/Hispamar to express its concerns on two areas. The first the matter of the Hispamar Petition to provide Direct to the Home (DTH) service from the Amazonas-2 spacecraft which is already in orbit and is on the FCC Permitted List and the issue of the orbital debris related to both DTH petition and original application to add Amazonas-2 to the Permitted List. FCC staff noted that all the necessary filings had been made and it was expected that the approval would be forthcoming in the near future (before end 2010).

The second concern related to the status of the Hispasat Petition to adopt the modifications to the Radio Regulations, which were agreed at WRC-03 with respect to the use of the Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) allocation in the band 13.75-14.00GHz. A discussion ensued with respect to the difficulties encountered by the FCC in regard to receiving the cooperation of the NTIA in general and the DOD in particular. It was noted that US Federal agencies would benefit. It was explained that the ITU-R had adopted Recommendation S.1712, which provides a methodology for ensuring the protection of the US. government radars in the band. In addition, the software for implementation of this Recommendation has been developed and the results have been made part of the record of the Petition. Hispasat provided a briefing explaining how the results could be used.

Mention was made of the efforts of Mr. Ron Repasi, deputy head of OET. Further, it was suggested that the FCC consider sending a communication to the U.S. Department of Defense requesting that an effort be undertaken to find a solution to this issue. The FCC staff indicated that they need to make an internal consultation. The FCC staff suggested that the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) could be of assistance.