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## SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

### Applications Accepted for Filing

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

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**SAT-AMD-19990222-00024** CS91004 PANAMSAT LICENSEE CORP.

Amendment

PanAmSat Licensee Corporation has filed an amendment to its pending application for modification of the PAS-5 satellite at 194 degrees W.L. (See File No. SAT-MOD-19980928-00078.) The PAS-5 satellite was launched in November 1998. During in-orbit testing, discrepancies were discovered and this amendment changes two of the satellites beams to correct these discrepancies. The changes eliminate the coverage of the United States that are subject to PanAmSat's non-conforming use request and, therefore, PanAmSat withdraws that request as it relates to these two beams, limiting the request to the one remaining 12.25-12.7 GHz beam covering the United States.

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**SAT-LOA-19990331-00035** S2369 DIRECTV, INC.

Launch and Operating Authority

DIRECTV, Inc. has filed an application to launch and operate a replacement satellite, DBS-1R, to be colocated with DIRECTV's existing network of Direct Broadcast Satellite system satellites at 101 degrees W.L. DIRECTV operates a three DBS satellites at 101 degrees W.L. -- DBS-1, DBS-2 and DBS-2A. The DBS-1R satellite is a new HS-601HP model satellite intended to replace the DBS-1 satellite at 101 degrees W.L. and provide capacity for additional new channels. DIRECTV intends to operate on a non-broadcast, non-common carrier basis. The anticipated launch date for the DBS-1R satellite is August, 1999.

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**SAT-MOD-19990318-00029** S2103 ORBITAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ( d/b/a ORBCOMM )

Modification

Orbital Communications Corporation (Orbcomm) has filed an application to modify its authorization to to construct, launch and operate it Non-Voice, Non-Geostationary Mobile Satellite System. In this application, Orbcomm requests authority to alter the altitude and number of satellites in its equatorial plane (0 degrees inclination). Specifically, Orbcomm would increase the altitude from approximately 825 km to approximately 1000 km and reduce the number of satellites in the plane from eight to seven.

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**SAT-T/C-19990329-00034**

**EARTHWATCH, INCORPORATED**

Transfer of Control

**FROM:** EARTHWATCH, INCORPORATED

**TO:** EARTHWATCH, INCORPORATED

EarthWatch Incorporated has filed an application for Transfer of Control of its Remote Sensing Satellite authorization. The change of control will be effected by the issuance of newly issued common voting shares to be issued to existing shareholders and to one new shareholder. After issuing the share and upon closing, no one shareholder will have control of the company. As a result of the issuance of new shares, control will pass from Ball Aerospace Corporation to the board of directors.

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**SAT-STA-19990126-00015**      SATMEXV      LORAL SPACECOM CORP. ( d/b/a Loral Skynet )

Loral SpaceCom Corporation d/b/a Loral Skynet has withdrawn its request for Special Temporary Authority to operate the SatMex V satellite. See Letter from Loral SpaceCom Corporation, dated March 16, 1999.

For more information concerning this Notice, contact the Satellite and Radiocommunication Division at 418-0719; TTY 202-418-2555.