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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application of Lockheed Martin Corporation, *et al.*, and Intelsat, Ltd., *et al.*, for Assignment of Licenses Concerning COMSAT World Systems (IB Docket No. 02-87)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Verestar, Inc. ("Verestar") hereby submits its comment in the above-captioned proceeding. Pending review of other comments that may be filed in this proceeding, Verestar supports the application with the following proviso.

It is in the interest of Verestar, and other entities that may have existing contractual arrangements with the parties to this proceeding that they be allowed a fresh look at the pricing under such agreements. Specifically, Verestar has existing arrangements for satellite capacity on certain Intelsat satellites. These existing contracts were required by law to be contracted through COMSAT at tariff rates. Under the proposed transaction, new contracts executed by Intelsat will be at market rates. Verestar, and certainly other similarly situated entities, will be unfairly disadvantaged by such an arrangement. Therefore, Verestar requests that, as part of this proceeding, the Federal Communications Commission consider the position of Verestar and similarly situated parties with respect to tariff pricing under existing agreements for satellite capacity.

Verestar reserves the right to supplement its comments and respond to comments submitted by other interested parties in this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

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