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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Skynet Satellite Corporation Annual Status Report

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Skynet Satellite Corporation ("Telesat"), pursuant to § 25.210(l) of the Commission's rules, hereby submits the enclosed Annual Status Report for fixed-satellite service ("FSS") authorizations it holds. Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this Report contains the construction status and expected launch dates of unlaunched satellites, as well as transponder utilization and operations information for in-orbit satellites.

The outage report and transponder utilization and performance tables (Attachments A, B and C, respectively), contain certain confidential and sensitive commercial information which would customarily be guarded from competitors and which has therefore been deleted from the attached Report. The satellite services business is subject to significant competition and disclosure of the information contained in the Attachments could result in substantial competitive harm to Telesat and its subsidiaries. For example, disclosure of this information could assist competitors in preparing market strategies.

Telesat is simultaneously filing, under seal, an original, unredacted version of this Report that contains Attachments A, B, and C. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § § 0.457 and 0.459, Skynet requests that these attachments be exempted from Freedom of Information Act disclosure requirements and withheld from public inspection.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

¹ Skynet Satellite Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Telesat Canada

Confidential Treatment of Attachments Requested

Skynet Satellite Corporation

**ANNUAL STATUS REPORT
TO THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

JUNE 26, 2008

The information required by §§ 25.210 (1) and 25.145 (g)(1) of the Commission's Rules is provided below. Transponder outage, utilization and performance information for the operational satellites licensed to Skynet Satellite Corporation are provided at attachments A, B, and C respectively. This information is competitively sensitive in nature. Telesat has requested confidential treatment of this information, and it is being provided to the Commission under separate cover.

In October 2007, the Commission approved the transfer of the Space Station authorizations formerly held by Loral Skynet Corporation to Skynet Satellite Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Telesat Canada. See IB Docket 07-44, *In the Matter of BCE Inc. and Loral Skynet Corporation Transferors/Assignors and 4363205 Canada Inc., 4363213 Canada Inc., and Skynet Satellite Corporation Transferees/Assignees For Consent to Transfer of Control or Assignment of Licenses and Authorizations held by Telesat Canada, Able Infosat Communications, Inc., Loral Skynet Corporation, and Loral Skynet Network Services, Inc. and Petitions for Declaratory Ruling that the Transaction Is Consistent with Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act*, 22FCC Rcd 18049, October 4, 2007.

Telstar 11

Telstar 11 was launched on November 29, 1994, and began operations at 37.5° WL, on January 20, 1995. All operating transponders are performing to specifications. In a letter to the FCC dated June 18, 2004, Telesat informed the FCC International Bureau that Telstar 11 had commenced inclined orbit operation.

On May 6, 2005, the Commission granted Telesat's application (SAT-MOD 20050322-00069) to modify its authorization to enable operation at 37.55° WL, where the satellite operated, pursuant to a coordination agreement with SES Americom until it was de-orbited.

On December 11, 2007, the Commission granted Telesat's application (SAT-MOD 20060306-00024) to remove the continuity of service requirement from the Telstar 11N authorization to allow Telesat to de-orbit the satellite to a safe "graveyard" altitude. Telesat was required to commence de-orbit maneuvers no later than 30 days from the date of Grant.

On January 11, 2008, because of unforeseen circumstances encountered while preparing to de-orbit the satellite, the Commission granted Telesat an additional 60 days to commence de-orbit operations.

In a letter dated March 25, 2008, Telesat notified the Commission that de-orbit maneuvers had been completed on March 20, 2008. The final orbital parameters were included in the letter.

Telstar 11N
Previously
Telstar 11R

On June 19, 2001, the Commission granted Telesat authority to launch and operate a Ku band satellite at 37.5° WL to replace Telstar 11. On September 28, 2004 the Commission granted Telesat's application to add 250 MHz of extended Ku-band capacity to Telstar 11R.

On October 28, 2004 Loral filed a \$3Million bond with the Commission, thus fulfilling the first condition of the authorization. Pursuant to terms of the authorization, the new milestones for this satellite are:

- Execution of a binding construction contract by September 28, 2005
 - On June 2, 2006, the Commission determined that the Satellite Construction Contract was satisfactory and authorized a reduction of the \$3 Million bond to \$2.25 Million. (DA 06-1196)
- Completion of the Critical Design Review by September 28, 2006
 - On August 21, 2006, Telesat submitted an application (SAT-MOD-20060821-00091) to modify the satellite authorization to reflect the “as-built” design of the satellite and to operate the satellite at 37.55°WL
 - On September 28, 2006, Telesat submitted CDR Documentation to demonstrate that this milestone has been met.
- Commence Construction by September 28, 2007
 - On April 2 2007, Telesat submitted documentation confirming that physical construction has begun.
 - On October 12, 2007, the Commission determined that Telesat had satisfied the Critical Design Review and Commencement of Physical Construction Milestones and that the bond could be reduced by \$1.5 Million.
- Launch and begin commercial operations by September 28, 2009
 - The satellite construction program is on schedule and nearly complete. Telesat now anticipates that the spacecraft will be launched in December 2008.

Telstar 12

Telstar 12 was launched on October 19, 1999, and began operations at 15° WL on December 10, 1999. All operating transponders are performing to specifications.

ATTACHMENT A

**NON-SCHEDULED TRANSPONDER OUTAGES OF
THIRTY MINUTES OR MORE**

CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

Confidential, Not for Public Inspection

Redacted

ATTACHMENT B

SATELLITE UTILIZATION BY TRANSPONDER

CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

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ATTACHMENT C

**TRANSPONDERS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE
OR NOT PERFORMING TO SPECIFICATIONS**

CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

Redacted