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The Honorable Michael Powell  
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**RE: 2 GHz MOBILE SATELLITE SERVICE**  
**IB DOCKET NO. 99-81**  
**FCC FILE NO. 179-SAT-P/L/97(16)**

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing on behalf of the Fixed Wireless Communications Coalition (FWCC), comprising equipment manufacturers and users interested in terrestrial fixed microwave communications.<sup>1</sup>

The Boeing Company has made recent appearances before the Commission to urge prompt licensing of its proposed 2 GHz mobile satellite system. Boeing has especially emphasized its immediate need for service link spectrum in the 2 GHz band.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FWCC membership includes manufacturers of microwave equipment, licensees of terrestrial fixed microwave systems and their associations, and communications service providers and their associations. Its membership also includes railroads, public utilities, petroleum and pipelines entities, public safety agencies, the broadcast industry, and their respective associations, telecommunications carriers, landline and wireless, local, and interexchange carriers, and others.

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., multiple letters from Philip L. Malet, counsel for Boeing, to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, FCC (dated June 29, 2001).

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The Boeing application also requests feeder link spectrum in the 10.7-11.7 GHz band, which is allocated jointly to the Fixed Service (used by FWCC members) and to the Fixed Satellite Service.

The FWCC urges the Commission not to make service link spectrum available to MSS applicants, such as Boeing, until it has resolved outstanding issues relating to spectrum for feeder links.<sup>3</sup>

If there are any questions about this filing, please call me at the number above.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>3</sup> The FWCC has made the same request in the past. *See* Comments of FWCC in IB Docket No. 99-81 (filed Feb. 17, 2000).

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