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**Anik F2 Satellite Added to  
Permitted Space Station List**

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In response to a request from Telesat Canada, the FCC has added the Canadian satellite Anik F2, located at 111.1 degrees W.L., to its Permitted Space Station List. All U.S. earth stations authorized with "routine" technical parameters (*i.e.*, authorized for ALSAT) may now access Anik F2 in the conventional C-band (3,700-4,200 MHz uplink/5,925-6,425 MHz downlink) and conventional Ku-band (11.7-12.2 GHz uplink/14.0-14.5 GHz downlink), without a license modification specifying Anik F2. The satellite may be used for the provision of analog television, and point-to-point and point-to-multipoint wideband and narrowband digital services, including voice, data and Internet services, plus VSAT services in the Ku-band. But Anik F2 is not authorized to provide direct-to-home, direct broadcast satellite ("DBS") or digital audio radio service ("DARS") services in the United States.

Additionally, the FCC authorized Telesat Canada to use the Ka-band capacity of Anik F2 (29.5-30.0 GHz uplink/19.7-20.2 GHz downlink) to provide two-way broadband communications services in the United States. The FCC observed that this action should stimulate competition in the United States and expand the provision of broadband service in rural areas. But this service is not covered by the ALSAT designation. Earth station operators seeking to access Anik F2 for Ka-band must first obtain a license that specifies the satellite.