



## **Iridium Executive Appointed Multiple Leadership Posts For Satellite Industry Organizations**

BETHESDA, Md. – July 1, 2009 – Iridium Satellite LLC (Iridium) announces that Donna Bethea-Murphy, vice president of Regulatory Engineering for Iridium, was elected chairman of the board of the Satellite Industry Association (SIA), the leading trade association for the satellite industry. Bethea-Murphy already serves as a board member of the Mobile Satellite Users Association (MSUA), a trade association advancing the interests of the mobile satellite industry, and was recently appointed as vice chair of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) World Radiocommunication Conference Industry Advisory Group 3.

"Iridium's strong regulatory position in the U.S. and internationally significantly contributes to our ability to meet our customers' needs," said Matt Desch, CEO of Iridium. "Donna leads our regulatory and policy efforts at the FCC, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other key forums. In this new leadership position within the SIA, she can play a key role in shaping national legislation and policymaking that not only supports the goals of Iridium but of the entire satellite industry."

Prior to joining Iridium, Bethea-Murphy was senior director of Spectrum Policy at PanAmSat Corporation. Before that, she served as director of Technology and Regulatory Affairs for AirTouch Communications, and has held key positions at the FCC with responsibility for domestic and international satellite and terrestrial wireless policy.

### **About Iridium Satellite LLC**

Iridium Satellite LLC ([www.iridium.com](http://www.iridium.com)) is the only mobile satellite service (MSS) company offering coverage over the entire globe. The Iridium constellation of low-earth orbiting (LEO), cross-linked satellites provides critical voice and data services for areas not served by terrestrial communication networks. Iridium's subscriber growth has been driven by increasing demand for reliable, global communications. Iridium serves commercial and government markets through a worldwide network of hundreds of distributors. The company's customers represent a broad spectrum of industry, including maritime, aeronautical, government/defense, public safety, utilities, oil/gas, mining, forestry, heavy equipment and transportation. Iridium has launched a major development program for its next-generation satellite constellation, Iridium NEXT, which will result in continued and new Iridium MSS offerings. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Md., U.S., and is currently privately held.

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