Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 12, 2014, Mark Dankberg, Chairman & CEO of ViaSat, Inc. (“ViaSat”); Michael Rapelyea, Director, Government Relations of ViaSat; and the undersigned as outside counsel to ViaSat, met with Commission staff members listed below (with some participating by telephone) to discuss the issues presented by the October 17, 2014 Notice of Inquiry in this proceeding.

ViaSat explained that, as one of the fastest growing ISPs in the nation, its satellite broadband system serves a vital role in the provision of mobile wireless services, by allowing mobile users to connect to the Internet through its system using a WiFi access point. Thus, satellite broadband helps to offload mobile traffic from congested terrestrial networks and to serve mobile users at crowded public events. ViaSat also explained that its ability to deliver competitive prices and speeds, to provide excellent service quality, and also to offer competitive capacity levels, all to ever-growing numbers of subscribers, depends on continued access to sufficient spectrum resources. Similarly, the ability to satellite broadband to provide a meaningful role in USF reform depends on continued access to adequate spectrum.

ViaSat also explained that it is feasible for satellite broadband providers to share with others (through coordination, cognitive technologies, ad hoc sharing and/or other means) the portions of the Ka band that currently are used or designated for other purposes, that ViaSat anticipates eventually using spectrum above 30 GHz, and that employing suitable sharing techniques in those bands also may enable access to more spectrum resources than otherwise would be possible.
Respectfully submitted,

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