September 11, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC  20554

Re:  Globalstar, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking to Reform the Commission’s Regulatory Framework for Terrestrial Use of the Big LEO MSS Band – RM-11685

Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 9, 2013, I had separate telephone conversations with Courtney Reinhard, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ajit Pai; and David Goldman, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, regarding proposed reforms of the Commission’s terrestrial-use rules and policies in the Big LEO band.¹ On September 5, 2013, Globalstar’s requested Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on these issues was placed on circulation for consideration by the full Commission. On these calls, I urged that the Commission move forward expeditiously with the rulemaking.

As demonstrated by the record in the above-captioned proceeding, Globalstar’s proposed Big LEO reforms will bring consumers the benefits of increased investment and innovation and more intensive use of broadband spectrum for a variety of broadband applications, including Globalstar’s proposed terrestrial low power service (“TLPS”). The deployment of TLPS will quickly add 22 megahertz to the nation’s wireless broadband spectrum inventory as American consumers use their smartphones, tablets, and other 802.11-enabled devices to receive this service. In particular, TLPS will further the Commission’s goal of easing the congestion that is diminishing the quality of Wi-Fi service at high-traffic 802.11 hotspots and other locations, a problem that has been termed the “Wi-Fi Traffic Jam.”

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Courtney Reinhard
    David Goldman