September 21, 2015

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


Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 17, 2015, representatives of the Satellite Industry Association (SIA)\(^1\) met with staff in the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) International Bureau (IB) to discuss the satellite industry’s views on the above-captioned proceeding. SIA was represented by: Sam Black, SIA; Karis Hastings, outside counsel to SES; Jack Wengrynuk, DIRECTV; Chris Murphy, Inmarsat; Alex Epshteyn, Boeing; Joe Godles, outside counsel to Iridium; Will Lewis, O3b Networks; Bob Koppel, outside counsel to Kymeta; Jennifer Manner, EchoStar;

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\(^1\) SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. Since its creation twenty years ago, SIA has advocated on behalf of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. For more information, visit www.sia.org. SIA Executive Members include: The Boeing Company; The DIRECTV Group; EchoStar Corporation; Intelsat S.A.; Iridium Communications Inc.; Kratos Defense & Security Solutions; LightSquared; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Northrop Grumman Corporation; SES Americom, Inc.; SSL; and ViaSat, Inc. SIA Associate Members include: ABS US Corp.; Airbus DS SatCom Government, Inc.; Artel, LLC; Cisco; Comtech EF Data Corp.; DRS Technologies, Inc.; Eutelsat America Corp.; Global Eagle Entertainment; Glowlink Communications Technology, Inc.; Hughes; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat, Inc.; Kymeta Corporation; Marshall Communications Corporation.; MTN Government; O3b Limited; Orbital ATK; OneWeb; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Telesat Canada; TrustComm, Inc.; Ultisat, Inc.; Vencore Inc.; and XTAR, LLC.
Carlos Nalda, outside counsel to OneWeb; and Cynthia J. Grady and Candice DeVane, Intelsat. Giselle Creeser of Inmarsat participated by telephone.

The FCC officials in attendance were Jose Albuquerque, Clay DeCell, Stephen Duall, Chip Fleming, Diane Garfield, and Kerry Murray, all of the International Bureau.

The SIA representatives noted with appreciation the Commission’s commitment to ongoing efficiencies and streamlining in Part 25, and urged the Commission to move expeditiously to issue a Report and Order. The SIA representatives also discussed a number of specific matters raised in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including applications and ITU filings for space stations, milestones and bonds, small satellites, and earth station technical and licensing rules with staff. The discussion closely followed the attached talking points prepared by SIA.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions related to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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