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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication*
GN Docket Nos. 17-183, 18-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Per FCC Rule 1.1206, this letter provides notice that on October 17, 2018, Preston Padden, Head of Advocacy and Government Relations for the C-Band Alliance, sent the attached C-Band Alliance Commitment Letter to Rachael Bender, legal advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai; Erin McGrath, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly; Will Adams, legal advisor to Commissioner Brendan Carr; Umair Javed, legal advisor to Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel; Donald Stockdale, Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Tom Sullivan, Bureau Chief, International Bureau; and Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology.

The Commitment Letter affirms the C-Band Alliance’s commitment to “protect[ing] C-band services in the United States and the rest of the world, thereby continuing to provide the quality, reliability and certainly that our customers need to successfully operate and grow their businesses.”

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jennifer D. Hindin

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Attachment

Our Commitment to C-band Users







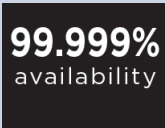
Our proposal is founded on a commitment to protect C-band services in the United States and the rest of the world, thereby continuing to provide the quality, reliability and certainty that our customers need to successfully operate and grow their businesses.

We are not willing to compromise on any element that would limit our ability to serve our customers. Key features of our proposal:

- Continued access to C-band for your services at a comparable Quality of Service for so long as we are licensed to provide C-band services in the continental U.S.
- Exclusion of Alaska and Hawaii—no transfer of spectrum in these regions
- Retain priority for satellite services in remaining band
- Work cooperatively with FCC and terrestrial wireless carriers to establish and codify the 5G parameters that would ensure compatibility with fixed satellite services (“FSS”)
- Responsibility for designing and implementing the technical solution and transition plan to protect incumbent FSS services
- New satellite capacity and innovative technical solutions to maintain supply and Quality of Service
- Continued full-band, full-arc protection to maintain contracted protection levels and ensure a vibrant news and sports-gathering capability
- Commitment to make users whole, including hardware and its installation, equipment rentals (e.g., cranes/lifts), dual illumination of uplinks and reasonable labor costs (stipend), with all transition costs covered by the CBA

***We will stand by this commitment, assuming our proposal
is adopted by the FCC in all material respects.***

How Our Proposal Stacks Up to Other NPRM Proposals

	Proposal Element	Our Proposal	The Others
	Managed transition plan protecting services	Provided	Unaddressed
	User transition costs	Covered	Not covered
	Entry of other terrestrial services into satellite spectrum	Portion cleared, remainder protected	Other terrestrial services contemplated in all or the remaining portion of satellite band
	New satellite capacity to replace repurposed spectrum	Maintain existing supply and quality of service	Not provided
	Full-band, full-arc protection	Continues	Eliminated
	Alaska and Hawaii carve-out	Provided	Unclear
	Continued high quality, reliable and resilient C-band operations in the U.S.	Guaranteed	No longer assured

C-band Alliance Membership

