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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 22, 2018, Preston Padden, Head of Advocacy and Government Relations for the C-Band Alliance, sent the attached C-Band Alliance Press Release to Chairman Ajit Pai; Commissioner Michael O’Rielly; Commissioner Brendan Carr; Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel; Rachael Bender, Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai; Nicholas Degani, Senior Counsel to Chairman Pai; Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly; Will Adams, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Carr; Umair Javed, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel; Donald Stockdale, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering Technology; and Thomas Sullivan, Chief, International Bureau.

The Press Release announces the C-Band Alliance’s intention to clear up to 200 MHz of mid-band spectrum under its proposal, opening new spectrum to support 5G wireless deployment while protecting current users.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment



C-Band Alliance Increases to 200 MHz Its FCC Proposal for Spectrum Repurposing in the U.S. to Support Nationwide 5G Deployment

Assuming full adoption of the Alliance's FCC proposal, spectrum could be cleared within 18 to 36 months of a final FCC order

C-Band Alliance members Intelsat (NYSE: I), SES (Euronext Paris: SESG), Eutelsat (Euronext Paris: ETL) and Telesat engaged in transition planning with customers to ensure existing critical broadcast services are fully protected

Washington, D.C. – October 22, 2018 - The C-Band Alliance (CBA) announced today that up to 200 MHz of mid-band (C-band downlink) spectrum could be cleared, dependent upon demand, under its updated proposal to the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) opening new spectrum to support 5G wireless deployment while protecting current users.

This updated commitment will be reflected in comment filings due October 29 under the FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) proceeding. The proposal increases by 80% the amount of spectrum that could be made available for 5G terrestrial use as compared to the initial proposal made by Intelsat and SES.

The CBA, the entity that will be able to facilitate safe and efficient clearing and repurposing of C-band downlink spectrum, was formed by Intelsat, SES, Eutelsat and Telesat, the leading continental U.S. satellite services operators. The group's proposal is the only one that balances the needs to protect the C-band user community, which includes television and radio programming distribution to over 100 million U.S. homes, as well as private commercial and government media and data networks with the strong public interest need for rapid 5G network deployment across the U.S.

This announcement allows the CBA and its members to engage in detailed planning of the complicated task of

moving customers to different frequency assignments, facilitated through new satellite capacity and innovative technical solutions, implementing new ground infrastructure and modifying the significant existing infrastructure deployed nationwide.

The repurposing of up to 200 MHz of C-Band spectrum is contingent upon a number of factors which at this stage cannot be guaranteed and their outcome is uncertain, including the following: (i) a final FCC order that accepts the CBA's market-based proposal; and (ii) a satisfactory market-based process with potential terrestrial 5G users of the repurposed spectrum.

About the C-Band Alliance

The C-Band Alliance, or CBA, was established by Intelsat, SES, Eutelsat and Telesat to implement the safe and efficient clearing and repurposing of C-band spectrum, supporting the United States in its goal of leadership in 5G deployment and innovation. While implementing the breakthrough, market-based proposal to clear spectrum, the CBA will also protect the quality and reliability of existing C-band services, providing current users certainty and operational integrity. For more information, please visit www.C-BandAlliance.com.

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