

May 25, 2018

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

**RE: SES and Intelsat Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
GN Docket Nos. 17-183, 18-122**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 23, 2018, representatives of SES and Intelsat met with Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and his chief of staff and legal advisor, Brooke Ericson. Participants in the meeting on behalf of SES were Steve Collar, SES President and CEO; Christophe De Hauwer, SES Chief Strategy and Development Officer; and the undersigned, outside counsel to SES; for Intelsat, Stephen Spengler, Intelsat CEO; Bruno Fromont, Intelsat Senior Vice President, Strategy and Planning; and Gregg Elias, Wiley Rein LLP, outside counsel to Intelsat.

In the meeting, the parties discussed their joint, market-based proposal that will make spectrum in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band available for mobile broadband use while protecting critical Fixed Satellite Service ("FSS") operations. They noted their progress in developing further details of the proposal, including their analysis of the multiple complex steps required to clear spectrum, as well as the time frame in which such clearing could occur. In addition, they addressed the difficulties inherent in making the required changes while maintaining high quality services for their customers, and the technical challenges of optimizing compatibility between 5G transmissions and the remaining FSS operations in the band.

The joint, market-based proposal reflects that the C-band satellite operators are in the best position to utilize the necessary tools to address their customers' concerns for continued delivery of high quality video and audio services while meeting the demand for new spectrum for 5G terrestrial mobile services. The participants urged the Commission to endorse this market-based solution, which aligns incentives to ensure a win-win solution for all parties.

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This notice is filed pursuant to FCC Rule 1.1206; please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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