



June 4, 2018

**VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re:    *Ex Parte* Letter  
      Streamlining Licensing Procedures for Small Satellites  
      IB Docket No. 18-86**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this ex parte notice is being submitted to summarize comments made by the Satellite Industry Association ("SIA") at the Federal Communications Bar Association, International Telecommunications Committee's Brown Bag Lunch on the "FCC's Small Satellite Rulemaking" that was held on May 31, 2018 at the law offices of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP at 2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Present at the meeting on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission, International Bureau, Satellite Division was Merissa Velez, Attorney Advisor.

The panel consisted of the following persons: the above-mentioned Merissa Velez; Jennifer Manner, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs at EchoStar Corporation; Stephen Goodman, Counsel, Butzel Long; Tom Stroup, President, Satellite Industry Association; and George John, Legal & Regulatory Counsel, Spire. Ms. Manner moderated the discussion.

Mr. Stroup, in response to a question, said that the FCC may want to ensure that whatever rules were adopted they did not encourage applicants to 'game' the application process." Mr. Stroup noted that SIA has not adopted any positions yet on the NPRM, so he was offering his personal opinion.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

**SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

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