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Subject: Waiver of part 25 licensing requirement for receive-only Earth stations operating with the Galileo radionavigation-satellite service – IB Docket No. 17-16

On June 5, 2019, Pierre Delsaux and Jean-Luc Bald of the European Commission (EC) met with Julius Knapp, Ronald Repasi (by telephone) and Paul Murray of the Office of Engineering and Technology; Troy Tanner, Jose Albuquerque, Karl Kensinger, Stephen Duall and Merissa Velez of the International Bureau; and Charles Mathias from the Wireless Telecommunication Bureau to discuss the request for waiver under consideration in IB Docket No. 17-16.

The EC thanked the Commission for the decision to grant a waiver for the E1 and E5 Galileo signals. The Commission informed the EC that studies concerning the future use of the 1300-1350 MHz band adjacent to the band used by the E6 Galileo signal were ongoing and that no decision had been made as to future operations in that band. The Commission further informed the EC that consideration of the GPS Innovation Alliance's petition for reconsideration was ongoing.

The EC informed the Commission of its plans to start deploying the Galileo High Accuracy Service using the E6 signal from 2020, first in Europe and then globally, underlining the economic benefits to be derived from high accuracy positioning in sectors such as autonomous vehicles and agriculture. The EC further informed the Commission that it would provide further technical and economic input regarding the E6 signal to the Commission in due time.

For and on behalf of

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