

July 25, 2019

VIA ECFS

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 25, 2019 prior to the release of the August 2019 Open Commission Sunshine Agenda,¹ Tony Lin, on behalf of Loft Orbital Solutions Inc. ("Loft Orbital"), spoke by telephone with Karl Kensinger and Merissa Velez of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") International Bureau.² The parties discussed the Commission's draft order on streamlined licensing procedures for small satellite systems ("*Draft Order*").³ Loft Orbital explained that the proposed revised fee schedule in the *Draft Order* did not include reduced transfer of control, assignment, modification, or amendment application fees for qualifying streamlined small satellite systems.⁴ As a result, for example, a small satellite licensee seeking to modify its license would have to pay a higher application fee (\$33,685) than that associated with its initial license application (\$30,000). Such a result is not logical and would be difficult to justify, given that a license modification application normally would not require more time or effort to process than a license application. For these reasons, Loft Orbital requested that the Commission proportionally reduce the application fees associated with systems that qualify for small satellite streamlined processing before adopting the *Draft Order*.

¹ See *FCC to Hold Open Commission Meeting Thursday, August 1, 2019*, Public Notice (rel. Jul. 25, 2019), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-358689A1.pdf>.

² Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this ex parte notification is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

³ See *Streamlining Licensing Procedures for Small Satellites*, Report and Order, IB Docket No. 18-86, FCC-CIRC1908-04 (rel. Jul. 11, 2019), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-358437A1.pdf>.

⁴ See *id.* at 54.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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