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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 Meeting*, GN Docket No. 18-122

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Per FCC Rule 1.1206, this letter provides notice that on July 24, 2019, Peter Pitsch, Executive Vice President, Advocacy & Government Relations, C-Band Alliance (“CBA”); Steve Corda, Vice President Media Platforms, SES Americom, Inc.; Michele Farquhar, Hogan Lovells US LLP; and Jennifer Hindin, Henry Gola and Kathyne Dickerson of Wiley Rein LLP, counsel to the CBA, met with the Commission personnel listed in Attachment A.

At the meeting, the participants continued their conversation<sup>1</sup> regarding the CBA’s proposal to clear a portion of the C-band for terrestrial 5G use via a market-based mechanism. Mr. Corda explained foundational concepts of the C-band satellite ecosystem, including cable “neighborhoods” and the number of orbital slots available for C-band satellites serving CONUS. Mr. Corda also discussed various technical aspects of the CBA’s proposal, including the need for additional satellites to facilitate spectrum clearing and 5G rejection filters for earth stations.<sup>2</sup> In addition, Mr. Corda explained the complexity and timing challenges of replacing the nation’s C-band content distribution backbone with fiber.<sup>3</sup> Mr. Pitsch affirmed that the CBA remains committed to clearing portions of the C-band within 18 and 36 months to meet the nation’s evolving spectrum needs while also ensuring that existing satellite customers can continue to utilize the C-band programming distribution ecosystem that today serves nearly 120 million American households. The meeting participants also discussed timing and next steps in this proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Jennifer Hindin, Counsel to the CBA, GN Dkt. No. 18-122 (filed July 23, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Jennifer Hindin, Counsel to the CBA, GN Dkt. No. 18-122 (filed Apr. 9, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from Jennifer Hindin, Counsel to the CBA, GN Dkt. No. 18-122 (filed July 2, 2019).

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Attachment*

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **FCC Personnel:**

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