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*Via Electronic Filing*

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

Re: *Ex Parte Notice: TerreStar Corporation Request for Temporary Waiver of Substantial Service Requirements – WT Docket No. 16-290*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 28, 2017, I spoke by telephone with Donald Stockdale, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“Bureau”), regarding the above-captioned request of TerreStar Corporation (“TerreStar”) for a thirty-six month waiver of its substantial service requirements in the commercial 1.4 GHz band.<sup>1</sup> On this call, I explained that TerreStar’s request meets the Commission’s criteria for both an extension of time and a temporary waiver of its substantial service requirements. I noted the unique circumstances TerreStar faced in its multi-year effort to identify the best and safest use of its 1.4 GHz licenses, including the adjacency of its licensed spectrum to the life-critical 1.4 GHz Wireless Medical Telemetry Service (“WMTS”). Currently, WMTS is highly susceptible to interference from neighboring commercial wireless duplex operations, even where those commercial systems are fully compliant with Commission rules.

During our call, I highlighted that a grant of TerreStar’s request will facilitate rapid deployment of wireless medical telemetry in its spectrum and generate extraordinary public interest benefits for millions of patients in hospitals and other health care facilities across the nation. I also noted that TerreStar has committed to meet detailed and aggressive milestones throughout the temporary waiver period.

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<sup>1</sup> TerreStar Corporation Request for Temporary Waiver of Substantial Service Requirements, WT Docket No. 16-290 (Aug. 12, 2016) (“Waiver Request”); *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment Regarding TerreStar Corporation’s Request for Relief of Certain 1.4 GHz Construction Requirements*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 9798 (2016) (“Public Notice”).

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Given all of these factors, the Bureau should expeditiously grant the requested thirty-six month waiver, thereby advancing wireless medical telemetry at 1.4 GHz and enhancing the standard of patient care at healthcare facilities around the United States. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Regina M. Keeney

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cc: Donald Stockdale