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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 September 20, 2019, Michele Farquhar (by phone) and Arpan Sura of Hogan Lovells US LLP, and Jennifer Hindin, Josh Turner, and Henry Gola of Wiley Rein LLP, counsel to the C-Band Alliance (“CBA”), met with the Commission personnel listed in Attachment A.

During the meeting, the participants discussed the CBA’s proposal to clear a portion of the C-band for terrestrial 5G use via a market-based mechanism. The meeting participants reviewed the current status of satellite operator membership in the CBA and discussed the FCC’s authority to adopt a market-based approach to clearing and repurposing a portion of the C-band consistent with Section 316 of the Communications Act.<sup>1</sup>

The CBA representatives also noted that, if named the transition facilitator, the CBA would be willing to address all reasonable transition costs of the affected satellite and earth station parties, and would allow all eligible satellite operators to participate in the CBA on a non-discriminatory basis. The CBA participants reiterated the CBA’s commitment to pay the reasonable transition costs of *all* earth stations—including any known earth stations that did not register with the FCC and earth stations that may receive signals from satellite operators that are not members of the CBA.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, the small satellite operators (“SSOs”) will continue to enjoy the ability, following any repack and repurposing of the C-band, to provide U.S. services and earn U.S. revenues in the upper portion of the band. Finally, the participants discussed next steps in this proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> See Comments of the C-Band Alliance, GN Dkt. No. 18-122 *et al.* (filed July 3, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Operator Commitment to Customer at Attachment A, pg. 12, filed as attachment to Letter from Henry Gola, Counsel for the C-Band Alliance, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed Apr. 3, 2019) (“Under the CBA’s proposal, all reasonable costs resulting from the need to clear spectrum and mitigation expenses to prevent 5G interference, will be reimbursed by the satellite operators.”).

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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