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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING (ECFS)

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

Re: Ex Parte Notice: Review of the Emergency Alert System
EB Docket No. 04-296 and PS Docket No. 15-94

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On December 17, 2018, James S. Blitz, Vice President and Regulatory Counsel of Sirius XM Radio Inc. (“Sirius XM”), and Bryan Tramont and Timothy Cooney of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP met with Nicole McGinnis, Greg Cooke and David Munson of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. The meeting focused on the Emergency Alert System (“EAS”) issues raised in the pending Petition for Partial Reconsideration and Clarification in EB Docket No. 04-296 originally filed by XM Radio Inc. and further discussed in Sirius XM’s related filings.

Sirius XM explained that the record in the proceedings appeared to be complete after the submission of the letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) approving use of Sirius XM satellites as alternative EAS monitoring sources only as to the two free preview channels on the Sirius XM network, namely Sirius network Channel 184 and XM Radio network Channel 1,¹ and upon the close of the pleading cycle responding to the Bureau’s November 7, 2018 Public Notice in the above-referenced dockets.² Sirius XM urged prompt Commission action on the Petition.

¹ See Letter from Antwane V. Johnson, IPAWS Division Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, to James S. Blitz, V.P., Regulatory Counsel, Sirius XM Radio Inc. (Oct. 31, 2018) (submitted as Attachment A to Letter from James S. Blitz, V.P., Regulatory Counsel, Sirius XM Radio Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, EB Docket No. 04-296 & PS Docket No. 15-94 (Nov. 5, 2018)).

² *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment on Filings by Sirius XM Radio Inc.*, Public Notice, DA 18-1140 (Nov. 7, 2018) (“Public Notice”). Only a single comment was filed responding to

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bryan N. Tramont

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Enclosures

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the Public Notice – generally supporting Sirius XM’s position – to which Sirius XM filed its “Reply to Comment” on December 8, 2018.