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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (Auction 904), AU Docket No. 20-34; Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, WC Docket No. 19-126; Petition of Starlink Services, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, WC Docket No. 09-197; Expanding Flexible Use of the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band, WT Docket No. 20-443*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Here we go again. In yet another multi-docket filing,<sup>1</sup> Viasat, Inc. (“Viasat”) resumes its misguided effort to insert itself in the Commission staff’s review of Space Exploration Technologies Corp.’s (“SpaceX’s”) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (“RDOF”) long-form application. Viasat continues to use official Commission dockets as though they are online comment sections, raising baseless complaints again and again. As before, Viasat’s missives are nothing more than desperate attacks against a competitor as Viasat seeks to leverage the regulatory process to protect its legacy technology.

Viasat ignores, yet again, that the Commission specifically directed Commission staff—not competitors—to review the merits of RDOF applications.<sup>2</sup> SpaceX has welcomed that staff review, and will continue to work within that Commission-mandated process—rather than the sideshow in which Viasat would prefer to indulge—to demonstrate that it will meet all of its RDOF obligations.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Jarret Taubman, VP & Deputy Chief Government Affairs, Viasat, Inc to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, AU Docket No. 20-34, WC Docket Nos. 19-126 & 09-197, WT Docket No. 20-443 (filed Dec. 22, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> Indeed, the Commission staff did just that when it found Viasat ineligible to participate in the RDOF Phase I Auction as a low-latency bidder because it had failed to demonstrate the financial and technical capability to meet the Commission’s requirements. *See* Exhibits I & M to Application for Review of Viasat, Inc., WC Docket No. 19-126, AU Docket No. 20-34, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Jan. 29, 2021). That should have been no surprise given that Viasat did not—and still does not—hold any low-Earth orbit spectrum authorization that would enable Viasat to provide low-latency broadband service.