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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: PS Docket No. 14-200

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sirius XM Radio Inc. (“SiriusXM”) herein provides information related to the matters raised in the Public Notice issued November 7, 2014 in this proceeding.¹

SiriusXM has been actively involved in the emergency alert system (“EAS”) for years and the company functions in a variety of capacities in connection with that system. As part of the national EAS network, SiriusXM conducts weekly and monthly tests as required by the Commission’s Rules, having the ability to switch all channels to receive a national alert in the event of an emergency. Through its dedicated traffic and weather channels, SiriusXM also distributes information concerning local weather or other emergency conditions in 22 of the country’s largest metropolitan markets.

SiriusXM is also a part of the national EAS infrastructure as a Primary Entry Point (“PEP”), with the ability to distribute alerts to the other PEPs within the contiguous United States. SiriusXM has also worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) since 2006 to provide an alternate transmission means for transporting FEMA-originated emergency alert messages to PEP stations and state emergency operations centers. Pursuant to this arrangement, SiriusXM designed and provided 108 EAS receivers to be installed at PEP stations and state emergency communications offices across the country. SiriusXM has been prepared since that time to transmit the Emergency Alert Network’s Presidential Message to those receivers using SiriusXM’s own satellite infrastructure, if the terrestrial communication distribution system is disrupted in a national emergency.

¹ *PSHSB Issues Advisory to EAS Participants To Check Equipment for Possible Queuing of Unauthorized EAS Message for Future Transmission; Requests Comment on Impact of Unauthorized EAS Alerts and Announces Inquiry into Circumstances of Retransmission of Unauthorized EAS Message in Several States*, Public Notice, PS Docket No. 14-200, DA 14-1626 (PSHSB rel. Nov. 7, 2014) (the “Public Notice”).

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As to the specific matters raised in the Public Notice:

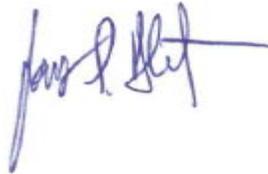
1. SiriusXM did not carry the syndicated radio program that prompted the Commission to issue the Public Notice. Accordingly, SiriusXM did not receive or retransmit the unauthorized EAN on October 24, 2014.

2. SiriusXM's EAN alerting system has not previously been impacted by unauthorized EAS alerts and we do not expect the system to be impacted in the future. Unlike broadcast radio stations which rely on emergency alerts sent by PEPs and other broadcasters, SiriusXM is itself a PEP station and receives its EAN alerts directly from FEMA. Even if another programming source carried on SiriusXM transmitted an EAN alert, that alert would not trigger SiriusXM's ENDEC device to initiate an alert; only a transmission that SiriusXM receives from FEMA can produce that result. Accordingly, there is no need for SiriusXM's EAS system to authenticate the validity of an EAN message in circumstances such as the one leading to the Public Notice.

3. SiriusXM participates in the EAS Security Subcommittee (Working Group 3) of the Commission's Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council ("CSRIC"), which is addressing issues similar to those raised in the Public Notice.

Please contact the undersigned if further questions arise in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James S. Blitz", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James S. Blitz

cc: James Wiley, Policy and Licensing Division
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau