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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU INFORMATION:
REPORT TO CONGRESS REGARDING THE ORBIT ACT

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IB Docket No. 15-16

Comment Date: March 5, 2015
Reply Comment Date: March 20, 2015

Section 646 of the Open-Market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications Act ("the ORBIT Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 646, requires the Commission to report annually to the Committees on Commerce and International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Foreign Relations of the Senate on the progress made to achieve the objectives and carry out the purposes and provisions of the ORBIT Act.

The purpose of the Act is to promote a fully competitive global market for satellite communications services for the benefit of consumers and providers of satellite services and equipment by fully privatizing INTELSAT and Inmarsat. The Commission has previously received comment on INTELSAT's and Inmarsat's privatization in connection with other proceedings and previous reports to Congress. The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for industry and consumers to file comments, particularly with respect to the impact of privatization on U.S. industry, jobs, and industry access to the global marketplace. Comments will be reflected in the Commission's report to Congress and made available in full to the House and Senate committees.

Comments should be filed on or before **March 5, 2015**, and reply comments on or before **March 20, 2015**. Comments and reply comments should be filed in **IB Docket No. 15-16**.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/.

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  Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

  - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

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