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To Whom It May Concern:

Having learned that the FCC is seeking comments and consideration for further delay of Carrier ID (CID) implementation in the US on SNG/OU services -- beyond the recently announced date of 3 Sept 2017 -- the Global VSAT Forum (GVF) and Interference Reduction Group (IRG) requested an informal discussion with relevant representatives of the FCC to more fully understand and prepare for the proceeding.

GVF and IRG are global non-profit associations of the satellite communications industry with a synergistic mission of preventing and mitigating interference.

Also, as part of the same discussion, GVF wanted to discuss how/whether the FCC could further facilitate or encourage training of operators and/or installers of transmitting earth station equipment. It was suggested that GVF's training partner, SatProf, would join the meeting, as well.

A conference call was held on April 8 at 09.00 EST. Participants included: Jose Albuquerque, Chip Fleming and Clay DeCell with the FCC's Satellite Division, International Bureau; David Hartshorn, Secretary General, GVF; Martin Coleman, Executive Director, IRG; and Ralph Brooker, President, SatProf.

Perspectives were shared on both subjects. GVF and IRG said they would be pleased to convey industry positions during the CID proceeding. On the subject of training, GVF and SatProf said they would continue to evaluate how training could most effectively be applied in order to prevent interference.

There being no further questions nor discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

David Hartshorn  
Secretary General