

February 17, 2005

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: **NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* MEETING**
IB Docket No. 02-10
Use of Satellite Earth Stations on Board Vessels

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 16, 2005, Mary Ellen Kramer, President, and Zevi Kramer, Chief Information Officer, of Broadband Maritime, Inc. (“Broadband Maritime”) and I had an *ex parte* meeting with Peter Daronco, Michael Pollak and Gerardo Mejia of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

Broadband Maritime operates a network of earth stations on board vessels (“ESVs”) using the 5925-6425 MHz/3700-4200 MHz band (“C-Band”) on board foreign-registered merchant marine ships pursuant to No. 4.4 of the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union (“ITU”).

At the meeting, we discussed issues related to requesting a waiver of Section 25.221(e) of the rules for the purpose of phasing in C-Band frequency coordination at each of the ports over a period of time. We addressed why a waiver of Section 25.221(e) for Broadband Maritime would be in the public interest, why compliance with Section 25.221(e) on the effective date would be unduly burdensome for Broadband Maritime, why Broadband Maritime’s circumstances are unique and unusual, and why a waiver of Section 25.221(e) for Broadband Maritime would satisfy the underlying purpose of the rule.

Very truly yours,

/S/

Eliot J. Greenwald

Cc : Peter Daronco
Gerardo Mejia
Michael Pollak