

June 24, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Permitted *Ex Parte* Presentation in RM 11429

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On this date, representatives of the Global VSAT Forum (“GVF”) met with representatives of the Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology (“OET”) to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. Participating in the meeting on behalf of OET were Julius Knapp, Jamison Prime and Geraldine Matise. Participating in the meeting on behalf of GVF were David Hartshorn, GVF Secretary General, Audrey Allison, The Boeing Company, Stephen Baruch, Leventhal Senter & Lerman on behalf of Hughes Network Systems, Steve Dorion, Hughes Network Systems, and the undersigned on behalf of GVF.

The meeting focused on the concerns of GVF members regarding possible interference from secondary fixed services (“FS”) into fixed satellite service (“FSS”) networks in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band. GVF members include companies that construct and operate VSAT networks that provide critical broadband services to commercial and government customers throughout the world. Many of these networks operate using central Hub facilities in the United States using the 14.0-14.5 GHz band. As a result, any additional interference into FSS networks in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band could disrupt the operations of these important global communications systems.

GVF members also raise concerns about the incompatibility of FS networks in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band with the regulatory requirements of the International Telecommunication Union (“ITU”) Radio Regulations (“RRs”). The ITU RRs prohibit the operation of FS networks in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band unless they operate on a non-interference basis with satellite networks licensed by other countries. The proposal of Winchester Cator, LLC and the Utilities Telecom Council seeks to operate FS networks in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band in a manner that would increase by as much as 6 percent the interference into primary FSS operations. Such a proposal would not comply with ITU requirements.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Olcott