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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENT ON SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION'S BLANKET WAIVER REQUEST CONCERNING RELIEVING SATELLITE PRESSURE VESSELS

IB Docket No. 02-54

Comment Date: January 21, 2011
Reply Comment Date: February 4, 2011

On October 1, 2010, the Satellite Industry Association (“SIA”), on behalf of its member companies, filed a request that the Commission waive certain requirements of Section 25.283(c) of the Commission’s rules¹ on a blanket basis. SIA seeks a waiver with respect to the rule’s requirement for venting excess propellant and relieving pressure vessels, for all satellites launched prior to the rulemaking being initiated and those currently on orbit but unable to meet the rule’s requirements. The SIA request provides a list of spacecraft manufacturers and models whose design does not permit all pressure vessels to be relieved at end of life.

Comments concerning this request should be filed no later than January 21, 2011, and replies by February 4, 2011.

All comments should refer to IB Docket No. 02-54 and the “Blanket Waiver Request of the Satellite Industry Association.” 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: (1) the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government’s eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. 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/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.283(c). The rule states:

Upon completion of [a spacecraft’s] ... authorized mission, a space station licensee shall ensure, unless prevented by technical failures beyond its control, that all stored energy sources on board the satellite are discharged, by venting excess propellant, discharging batteries, relieving pressure vessels, and other appropriate measures.

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- 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 must be disposed of before entering the building.
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