

May 2, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Qualcomm Incorporated, Petition for Rulemaking (Next Generation Air-Ground,) RM-11640**

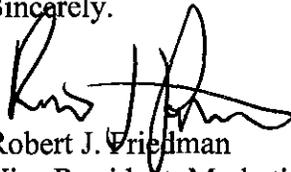
Dear Ms. Dortch:

American Airlines supports the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") recently announced proposal to establish a next-generation Air-Ground Mobile Broadband Service in the 14.0 to 14.5 GHz Band because the service will be important to satisfying air travelers' increasing demands for mobile broadband data. American Airlines is one of the largest airlines in the world which, along with its affiliates American Eagle and American Connection, serves approximately 260 destinations worldwide and more than 150 in the United States alone. American has major connecting hubs at Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago O'Hare, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York airports.

American Airlines agrees with the central premise of the Petition for Rulemaking that Qualcomm Incorporated filed asking the FCC to establish the new service — that U.S. travelers need to have broadband access while they are in-flight that is equal to the level of access they have on the ground because broadband access via smartphones, tablets, e-readers, and laptops, is valued by American travelers. Accordingly, American Airlines is interested in the FCC's planned issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rule Making proposing to implement this service on-board aircraft.

The FCC's proposal to establish the service is an important development that American Airlines welcomes.

Sincerely,



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