

December 23, 2013

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

Re: **Iridium Constellation, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking – RM-11697**
Written Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter in support of the Iridium Constellation, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking, filed in the above captioned docket. The Commission should promptly take favorable action on this Petition, which will help ensure the availability and growth of essential MSS operations vital to the nation's security, public safety, and industry.

Iridium's Big LEO band MSS system provides global voice and data communications to users in who are first responders (police, fire, medical), rural ranchers, and remote communities where cellular and traditional landline phones are unreliable or non-existent. Iridium's services are vital to our DialToneServices (DTS) operations. We rely on Iridium's mobile satellite services for our customers in rural Texas. I've included a few letters from our customers who find satellite phone service invaluable to their day-to-day lives.

The small spectrum reallocation proposed by Iridium would have a significant positive impact on Iridium's ability to service our needs. The additional spectrum will allow Iridium to keep pace with the increased demand on its system driven by growth in the use of data, broadcast, and machine-to-machine services. The additional spectrum also will provide a necessary resource to enable Iridium to keep innovating and serving its customers with its second-generation system, Iridium NEXT, which will offer improved services across the globe.

As such, the Commission should promptly issue an NPRM on Iridium's proposals or, in the alternative, pursue this small spectrum reallocation through a license modification proceeding.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Watkins

Vice President-DTS, L.P.

