

February 22, 2018

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

Re: *Notice of Commencement of Operations, File No. 0298-EX-CN-2016*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Special Condition 6 of the above referenced experimental authorization, Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (“SpaceX”) hereby notifies the Commission that the Microsat-2a and -2b test spacecraft were successfully launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base on February 22, 2018. The spacecraft were inserted successfully into a circular orbit at an initial altitude of approximately 511 km. SpaceX has established contact with both of the satellites, and they will initiate test transmissions using their broadband payloads beginning on February 23, 2018.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Vice President of Satellite Government Affairs

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