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VIA EXPRESS MAIL

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Experimental Radio Service
P.O. Box 356320
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5320

Re: SeaStar™ Experimental Radio Services Renewal Application

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Part 5.55(d) of the Commission's Rules, attached hereto are two (2) copies of Form 405 (Application for Renewal of Radio Station License in Specified Services) for renewal of the radio stations necessary to the operation of the Orbital SeaStar™ satellite program. This filing is submitted to you for processing under Part 5 of the Commission's Rules.

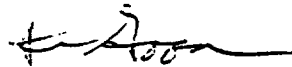
While Orbital Sciences Corporation ("Orbital") realizes that this renewal application is being submitted less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of the current licenses, Orbital respectfully requests that the Commission overlook this fact and accept the application for processing. Acceptance of this renewal application by the Commission will be in the public interest, because it will enable Orbital to continue to work jointly with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") in developing an earth ocean environmental monitoring and multi-spectral image remote sensing program.

Please also note that a check, in the amount of \$45.00, is enclosed herein to cover processing of this renewal application.

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Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or comments about anything contained herein, please feel free to contact me at (202) 371-9100.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Goodman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Goodman

Encls.

cc: Carl Huie (fax: 202-418-1918)