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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte Presentation

Application for Authority to Provide Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (Route) Service Over the IRIDIUM System, File Nos. SAT-MOD-19961204-00139, SAT-AMD-20051118-00236 and SAT-AMD-20051118-00236

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Delta Air Lines writes this letter to urge the Commission to allow Iridium to provide Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Service ("AMS(R)S"). AMS(R)S is an aeronautical mobile-satellite service reserved for communications relating to safety and regularity of flights, primarily along national and international civil air routes.

Delta Air Lines serves more than 160 million customers each year. With an industry-leading global network, Delta and the Delta Connection carriers offer service to 356 destinations in 65 countries on six continents. Headquartered in Atlanta, Delta employs more than 80,000 employees worldwide and operates a mainline fleet of more than 700 aircraft. Including its worldwide alliance partners, Delta offers customers more than 13,000 daily flights.

Delta Air Lines already operates more than 50 Iridium-equipped aircraft which use Iridium exclusively for flight-deck communications. Delta has also had discussions with Iridium concerning the use of Iridium's global Mobile Satellite Service system for AMS(R)S purposes, and it is in the process of gaining FAA approval to use Iridium for AMSRS communications in both the Atlantic and Pacific ocean regions. At this time, international standards are substantially complete and provide a basis for the Commission to proceed with the authorization of AMS(R)S on Iridium's system. Delta urges the Commission to enable Iridium to provide AMS(R)S service. Delta flies to numerous destinations that take its planes over land masses and bodies of water in multiple areas. Iridium's system is uniquely suited to serve Delta's AMS(R)S requirements. The system has complete coverage of the earth, including oceans, airways and Polar Regions. Making Iridium's system available for AMS(R)S purposes will enhance flight safety by giving Delta access to Iridium's unparalleled coverage.

AMS(R)S over Iridium's unique global network would provide myriad benefits to Delta Air Lines by allowing Delta to enhance its flight safety systems and further secure the safety of its passengers, crew, and cargo. For these reasons, Delta Air Lines respectfully requests that the Commission extend AMS(R)S eligibility to Iridium as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Dickson".

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