

**Exhibit 2: Response to Item A21**  
**PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT**

GE International Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Seller”) and Eutelsat America Corp., a Delaware corporation (“Buyer”, and together with Seller, the “Applicants”), hereby seek Commission consent to the assignment of the license for the GE-23 space station, Call Sign S2610, from Seller to Buyer.

Seller and Buyer have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated June 19, 2012, for the sale to Buyer of Seller’s (i) rights in, title to and interest in the GE-23 Satellite, (ii) rights in the orbital location at 172° East where GE-23 is located under a license from the Commission, (iii) customer contracts and accounts receivable relating to GE-23 and (iv) certain other related assets and Seller’s rights with respect to certain filings with the UK Office of Communications, or Ofcom (the “Transaction”). Post-closing Seller would provide or pass-through to Buyer for a period of 6 or 12 months various services relating to the Satellite, including satellite operations (TT&C) which are provided by a third party. Thereafter, Buyer would be responsible for Satellite operations.

Completion of the Transaction is subject to receipt of Commission approval, certain other consents and the satisfaction or waiver of other conditions by September 30, 2012 (which date may be extended to December 31, 2012 in certain circumstances). Pending completion, Seller would operate the assets only in the ordinary course of business. The documentation for the transaction includes customary representations and warranties, covenants, indemnification and other standard terms.

Buyer is legally, financially, and technically qualified to operate GE-23 and provide satellite services. Buyer sells satellite capacity of Eutelsat Communications S.A. and its subsidiaries (the “Eutelsat Group”) throughout the North American market. Buyer is the Eutelsat Group’s principal operating company in the United States and is party to a number of contracts of which the final customers are U.S. government agencies, including the Department of Defense. Accordingly, Buyer has extensive experience as a supplier of transponder capacity to prime contractors with the U.S. government and is familiar with the nature of task orders for such contracts. In addition, Buyer is capable of supporting the information assurance requirements of Department of Defense, State Department and Homeland Security contractors. The acquisition of the Satellite will allow Buyer to geographically expand the satellite communication services it provides to the Department of Defense. The Eutelsat Group also expects the acquisition of the Satellite to enhance its recent strategic deployment plan in the Asia-Pacific region, thereby increasing competition in such region for the benefit of all customers.

In light of the foregoing, the transaction presents no national security or law enforcement issues. Moreover, given that the GE-23 license is a non-common carrier

license, the transaction presents no foreign ownership issues under Section 310(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

In sum, Buyer is fully qualified to acquire ownership and control of GE-23. The proposed transaction will enhance competition and serve the public interest. The Applicants therefore request that the Commission consent to the proposed assignment of the GE-23 license to Buyer.