

Exhibit 2: Response to Item A21
PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

Eutelsat America Corp. (“Assignor”) and ES 172 LLC (“Assignee”) hereby seek Commission consent to the assignment of the license for the Eutelsat 172A space station, Call Sign S2610, from Assignor to Assignee.

This application is part of the second step of a transaction by which the Satellite, formerly known as the GE-23 Satellite, is being integrated into the satellite capacity of Eutelsat Communications S.A. and its subsidiaries (the “Eutelsat Group”). In the first step of the transaction, GE International Holdings Inc., an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of General Electric Capital Corporation, sold the GE-23 Satellite to Eutelsat America Corp. (“Eutelsat America”). The Commission consented to the assignment of the GE-23 space station license to Eutelsat America on August 23, 2012. *See* Public Notice, Federal Communications Commission, DA-12-1393 (Aug. 24, 2012) (File: SAT-ASG-20120626-00105). On October 2, 2012, the Commission was notified of the consummation of this transaction.

In the second step, Eutelsat America will transfer legal title to the Satellite to Eutelsat Asia Pte. Ltd. (“Eutelsat Asia”). Eutelsat Asia has formed the Assignee to hold the license for the Eutelsat 172A space station. Assignee is a limited liability company organized pursuant to and in accordance with the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (6 Del. C. § 18-101 *et seq.*), as amended from time to time. Assignee is wholly owned and controlled by Eutelsat Asia (the “Member”). The Member is a limited exempt private company organized under the laws of Singapore.

The Eutelsat Group acquired the Satellite to enhance its recent strategic deployment plan in the Asia-Pacific region, thereby increasing competition in the region for the benefit of all customers. In addition, the Satellite will allow the Eutelsat Group to geographically expand the satellite communication services it provides to the Department of Defense. Eutelsat Asia is legally, financially and technically qualified to operate the Satellite and provide satellite services. Eutelsat Asia, as part of the Eutelsat Group, will sell capacity on the Satellite through the Asia-Pacific market, including North America. This second step of the transaction, to transfer ownership of the Satellite to Eutelsat Asia, is intended to rationalize ownership with the Eutelsat Group entity located in the region that the Satellite primarily serves. After the transfer, Eutelsat America will lease capacity on the Satellite from Eutelsat Asia in order to continue to provide services on the Satellite to certain customers in the North American market.

In light of the foregoing, the transaction presents no national security or law enforcement issues. Moreover, given that the Eutelsat 172A space station license is non-common carrier, the transfer of the Satellite to Eutelsat Asia and the assignment of the Eutelsat 172A space station license to Assignee present no foreign ownership issues under Section 310(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

In sum, Applicants request that the Commission consent to the proposed assignment of the Eutelsat 172A license to Assignee.