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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Operational Status of XM-5, File No. SAT-LOA-20090217-00025 (Call Sign S2786)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

XM Radio Inc. ("XM Radio"), by its attorneys, hereby advises the Commission that pursuant to authority granted in the above-referenced proceeding the XM-5 in-orbit spare spacecraft has been positioned at its assigned orbital location of 85.2° W.L. and was available for service effective December 2, 2010. Accordingly, pursuant to the terms of the XM-5 authorization, the initial license term for XM-5 runs through December 2, 2018.¹

Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See File No. SAT-LOA-20090217-00025 (Call Sign S2786), grant-stamp dated Aug. 31, 2009 at ¶ 7 (specifying that the eight-year license term for XM-5 begins on the date XM Radio certifies that the satellite has been successfully launched and put into operation).