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VIA IBFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Letter

IBFS File Nos. SAT-MOD-20150802-00053; SAT-STA-20150821-00060; SAT-LOA-

20151123-00078

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 19, 2016, representatives of Planet Labs Inc. ("Planet Labs") met with representatives of the FCC's International Bureau ("Bureau"). Attending the meeting on behalf of Planet Labs were the following individuals: Rich Leshner, Vice President Government Affairs; Mike Safyan, Director of Launch and Regulatory Affairs; Leon Stepan, Lead Mission Analyst; and Tony Lin, outside counsel for Planet Labs. Attending the meeting on behalf of the Bureau were the following individuals: Karl Kensinger, Deputy Division Chief; Stephen Duall, Policy Branch Chief; Cindy Spiers, Attorney Advisor Policy Branch; and Merissa Velez, Attorney Advisor Policy Branch.

Planet Labs discussed its ongoing negotiations with ORBCOMM License Corp. ("ORBCOMM") to resolve issues ORBCOMM has raised in these proceedings.¹ Planet Labs also explained that it had conducted an in-plane collision analysis for the approximately 90 secondary payloads aboard the SHERPA mission and calculated that such risk of collision was less than 2 x 10⁻⁷. Additionally, Planet Labs stated, based on information from Spaceflight, Inc. and Space Exploration Technologies, Inc. ("SpaceX"), that if the Falcon 9 upper stage fails to relight after it deploys Formosat-5 at the 720 x 720 km orbit, the Falcon 9 will not deploy SHERPA or any of the other secondary payloads.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced proceedings. Please direct any questions regarding this letter to the undersigned.

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¹ See ORBCOMM License Corp. Petition to Dismiss, Deny or Hold in Abeyance, File No. SAT-MOD-20150802-00053 (filed Jan. 19, 2016); see also Letter from Walter H. Sonnenfeldt, Regulatory Counsel, ORBCOMM License Corp., and Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, ORBCOMM Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, File No. SAT-MOD-20150802-00053 (May 13, 2016).

Respectfully submitted,

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