

May 11, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication, ET Docket No. 13-115, RM-11341, and IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20161115-00118 and SAT-LOA-20170301-00027*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that, on May 9, 2017, representatives of Space Exploration Technologies Corp. ("SpaceX") met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and David Grossman, her Chief of Staff, with respect to the above referenced proceedings. Present at the meeting on behalf of SpaceX were Gwynne Shotwell, President, Satellite Government Affairs, Mat Dunn, Senior Director, Government Affairs, and Julianna Scheiman, Mission Manager.

During the meeting, SpaceX highlighted its ongoing space transportation services business and its ongoing encouragement for the Commission to act in this proceeding and allocate spectrum resources for commercial space launch operations.¹ Such an allocation would be a significant step toward streamlining launch spectrum licensing in the future, an efficiency that will become even more important as the cadence of commercial launch and reentry activities increases and additional companies join the U.S. commercial sector over the next few years. SpaceX expressed its hope that this proceeding could be resolved in the near future to implement the allocations proposed and that in the longer term, all spectrum needed for commercial launch activities could be allocated for that use.

SpaceX also discussed its applications for operating authority for a non-geostationary orbit ("NGSO") satellite system in the Fixed-Satellite Service ("FSS") bands of Ku-, Ka-band and V-band.² SpaceX reiterated its belief that the pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking³ to update the Commission's Part 2 and 25 rules presents an opportunity for U.S. leadership by develop fair

¹ See *Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules for Federal Earth Stations Communicating with Non-Federal Fixed Satellite Service Space Stations*, 28 FCC Rcd. 6698, ¶¶ 65-88 (2013).

² See IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20161115-00118 and SAT-LOA-20170301-00027.

³ See *Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning Non-Geostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems and Related Matters*, 31 FCC Rcd. 13651 (2016).

and modern rules for NGSO systems to utilize allocated spectrum. Doing so will maximize the benefits of large constellations of highly-intelligent satellites toward ensuring that high-speed, reliable and affordable broadband services are available to consumers throughout the U.S. and around the world.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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