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## **ELECTRONIC FILING VIA IBFS**

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

> Re: BlackSky Global LLC, FCC Callsign S3032 IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20190802-00070

Dear Ms. Dortch:

BlackSky Global LLC ("BlackSky") hereby informs the Commission that on October 7, 2019, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") granted an amended license to BlackSky Global LLC to operate the additional spacecraft, Global 5-16, which are the subject of the above-referenced application before the Commission ("FCC Application"). Attached is a copy of the public notice summary that was submitted to NOAA.

BlackSky notes that the altitude range granted by NOAA is 400-600 km, while the range sought in BlackSky's FCC Application is 385-600 km. BlackSky indicated in its FCC Application that it does not plan to operate at an altitude below 400 km but specified the lower range of 385 km on a contingency basis should the need arise. In such circumstances, BlackSky would request authorization from NOAA to operate at the lower altitude. If deemed necessary, BlackSky would be happy to accept a condition to its sought after grant of its FCC Application requiring BlackSky to obtain such additional NOAA authority before operating between 385 and 400 km.

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BlackSky also takes this opportunity to inform the Commission that there has been a slight change in its anticipated launch schedule. The first group of satellites for which authority is sought under the FCC Application are now not anticipated to be launched before January 2020.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for BlackSky Global LLC

cc: Stephen Duall, FCC (by email)

Attachment



## **Global 1-16 Constellation Private Remote Sensing Space System**

On October 7, 2019, the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the Department of Commerce, granted an amended license to BlackSky Global LLC to operate additional spacecraft in Global Constellation, Global 5-16, a private, commercial, space-based, remote sensing system (the "Global Constellation").

Global 5-16 is part of the second phase of the Global Constellation and are licensed to collect images of the Earth and will operate in circular orbits with altitudes ranging from 400-600 km in inclinations ranging from 35-60°.

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