Exhibit A

Description of Application and Ownership Information

Request for Extension of License Term

Viasat, Inc. ("Viasat") requests an extension of the license term of the Ka-band payload on the Galaxy 28 satellite (Call Sign S2160) operating at the 89.0° W.L. orbital location.¹ The Galaxy 28 satellite was placed into service on July 29, 2005, and the term of the current authorization covering the Ka-band payload is set to expire on July 29, 2020. Viasat continues to make beneficial use of the Ka-band payload on Galaxy 28 to operate terminals for testing and demonstration of commercial and government customer earth stations, including during integration and installation. Viasat accordingly requests an extension of the applicable license term for a period of five years, until July 29, 2025, consistent with the extension recently granted in connection with the C- and Ku-band payloads on Galaxy 28.²

The Galaxy 28 satellite is licensed to Viasat for the operation of the Ka-band payload, which uses the 19.7-20.2 GHz and 29.5-30 GHz bands, while Intelsat License LLC ("Intelsat") is the licensee of the C- and Ku-band payloads on Galaxy 28 and provides the TT&C operations for the spacecraft.³ On April 24, 2020, the Commission granted an extension of Intelsat's license term for the C- and Ku-band payloads on Galaxy 28 until July 29, 2025.⁴ The Intelsat Extension Request indicated that the expected end of the service life of the satellite was estimated to be January 2023 assuming no inclined-orbit operation,⁵ but that the planned inclined-orbit operation will extend Galaxy 28's expected end of service life an additional five years.⁶

The Intelsat Extension Request provided demonstrations that extending the license term of Galaxy 28 will not affect the satellite's post-mission disposal plan and that the satellite will have sufficient fuel to de-orbit to a disposal altitude.⁷ The Intelsat Extension Request also stated that the "Galaxy 28 satellite's subsystems and solar panels are functioning normally," that "there are no single points of failure on Galaxy 28 that would result in an inability to de-orbit the satellite," and that "[t]he satellite's TT&C functions are operating normally."⁸ Based on these demonstrations and certifications, the Commission granted an extension of the license term of

⁷ *See id.* at 3-4.

⁸ *Id.* at 4.

¹ See Viasat Inc. and Intelsat License, LLC, File No. SAT-ASG-20130515-00070 (granted Apr. 8, 2014, consummated Apr. 17, 2014) ("Galaxy 28 Assignment").

² See Intelsat License LLC, File No. SAT-MOD-20191126-00141 (granted Apr. 24, 2020) ("Intelsat Extension Request").

³ See Galaxy 28 Assignment.

⁴ See Intelsat Extension Request.

⁵ Intelsat Extension Request, Supplement to Application for Modification, at 1 (filed Dec. 2, 2019).

⁶ Intelsat Extension Request, Narrative, at 2 (filed Nov. 26, 2019).

Galaxy 28 with respect to the C- and Ku-band payloads. Viasat incorporates by reference these portions of the Intelsat Extension Request for Galaxy 28, which are equally applicable to Viasat's request to extend its authority to operate the Ka-band payload on that same satellite, and which underscore that the proposed extension for the Ka-band payload will not impact the orbital debris mitigation plan for the satellite.⁹

Extending the license term will promote the continued efficient use of orbital resources and is consistent with the Commission's grant of the Intelsat Extension Request, as well as its recently adopted *Orbital Debris Order*, which formalizes the Commission's policy regarding GSO satellite license extensions.¹⁰ The requested extension also will serve the public interest by ensuring that Viasat may continue to make beneficial use of the Ka-band payload on Galaxy 28 for customers in the manner described above. Consistent with Section 1.62 of the Commission's rules, Viasat will continue to operate the Ka-band payload on Galaxy 28 pursuant to the terms and conditions of its expiring authorization until the Commission acts on this request.¹¹

Ownership Information

Viasat is a Delaware corporation and a publicly traded company headquartered at 6155 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, California 92009. As a publicly traded company, the stock of Viasat is widely held. Based on publicly available SEC filings, the following entities and their affiliates beneficially own 10 percent or more of Viasat's voting stock as of March 31, 2020:

Beneficial Owner	Citizenship	Voting Percentage
The Baupost Group, L.L.C.	Massachusetts	22.1%
10 St. James Avenue		
Suite 1700		
Boston, MA 02116		
FPR Partners LLC	Delaware	10.25%
199 Fremont Street		
Suite 2500		
San Francisco, CA 94105		

No other stockholders are known by Viasat to hold 10 percent or more of Viasat's voting stock.

The following are the officers and directors of Viasat, all of whom can be reached c/o Viasat, Inc., 6155 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

⁹ Separately, Viasat has no knowledge of any single point of failure or other malfunctions, defects, or anomalies that have occurred to date that would affect the ability of Galaxy 28 to conduct and complete the required end-of-life and de-orbit procedures.

¹⁰ See Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age, IB Docket No. 18-313, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 20-54 ¶¶ 110, 112 (rel. Apr. 24, 2020).

¹¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.62.

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