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Re: Viasat, Inc., File No. SAT-MPL-20200526-00056

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Viasat, Inc. ("Viasat") hereby requests that the Commission designate as "permit but disclose" the above-referenced proceeding, in which Viasat requests to modify its grant of U.S. market access for the VIASAT-NGSO network (the "Application"). The Commission has discretion to modify the application of its ex parte rules in any particular proceeding where, as here, the public interest warrants doing so.¹

Designating the Application proceeding as "permit-but-disclose" under Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules will permit the parties to discuss the issues presented with Commission staff subject to applicable disclosure requirements,² expedite processing of the Application, and allow for a more complete record.

Grant of this request would be consistent with precedent involving similar application proceedings where the Commission concluded that the public interest warranted designation as

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a); *id.* § 1.1208 note 2.

² See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

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"permit but disclose." SpaceX has indicated that it does not oppose such a designation in this proceeding.⁴

Respectfully submitted,

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³ See, e.g., Satellite Policy Branch Information re: Actions Taken, Public Notice, Rept. No. SES-01463, DA 20-469, at 3 (rel. May 1, 2020) (designating SpaceX's space station modification application proceeding as "permit-but-disclose" following a third-party notice of appearance).

⁴ Space Exploration Holdings, LLC, Notice of Appearance, IBFS File No. SAT-MPL-20200526-00056 (filed May 27, 2020) ("SpaceX Notice of Appearance").