

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Oral *Ex Parte* Notice Kepler Communications Petition for Declaratory Ruling <u>IBFS File No. SAT-PDR-20161115-00114</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 29th, 2018, Nickolas Spina of Kepler Communications Inc. ("Kepler") held a teleconference with representatives of the International Bureau to discuss the above captioned non-geostationary satellite orbit ("NGSO") fixed-satellite service ("FSS") system in Ku-band. Present on the call on behalf of the International Bureau were Stephen Duall, Cindy Spiers and Kerry Murray.

During the call, Kepler discussed its efforts in fulfilling the bond requirement as laid out in its market access grant.¹ Specifically, Kepler informed the FCC that experienced brokers that have brokered bonds in the past were expressing their difficulty in finding a surety underwriter for Kepler.

Kepler noted that it expects to have a better understanding of its options from the brokers during the first week of December 2018, and will inform the International Bureau should securing the surety continue to be a concern.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the FCC's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/S/ Nickolas G. Spina

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¹ See FCC 18-162, Order and Declaratory ruling, P. 33, IBFS File No. SAT-PDR-20161115-00114, 19 Nov 2018