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**Via Hand Delivery**  
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Office of Secretary

**Re: XM Radio Inc.**  
**Commencement of Operation of XM-3 (Call Sign S2617) at 85.1°WL**  
**File No. SAT-RPL-20040212-00019; SAT-MOD-20050307-00057**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 26, 2005, the International Bureau ("Bureau") issued XM Radio Inc. ("XM") a license to launch and operate a replacement satellite ("XM-3"; Call Sign S2617) at the 85°WL orbital location. *See Order and Authorization, DA 05-180, File No. SAT-RPL-20040212-00019 (January 26, 2005) ("XM-3 Licensing Order")*. On April 13, 2005, the Bureau modified this license to permit operation of XM-3 at the 85.1°WL orbital location. *See File No. SAT-MOD-20050307-00057.*

Pursuant to paragraph 38 of the *XM-3 Licensing Order*, XM hereby certifies that XM-3 has been drifted to the 85.1°WL orbital location and is fully operational at that location as of April 20, 2005.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

William Bailey  
Senior Vice President, Regulatory and  
Government Affairs

cc: Stephen Duall