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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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Re: XM Radio Inc.
Application for Special Temporary Authority to Test XM-3 at 80.0°W.L.
File No. SAT-STA-20041221-00226

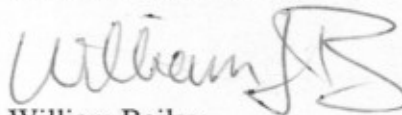
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 21, 2004, XM Radio Inc. ("XM"), a Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service ("SDARS") licensee, filed a request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to test its S-band/X-band replacement satellite (XM-3) at the 80.0°W.L. orbital location with an East-West station keeping tolerance of $\pm 0.1^\circ$ for a period of up to 60 days following launch. *See* File No. File No. SAT-STA-20041221-00226. XM-3 is currently expected to be launched in the First Quarter of 2005.

As the request of the staff of the International Bureau ("Bureau"), XM hereby states that it is not aware of any other FCC- or non-FCC-licensed spacecraft that are operational or planned to be deployed at or near the 80°WL orbital location whose station-keeping volume would overlap with XM-3.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



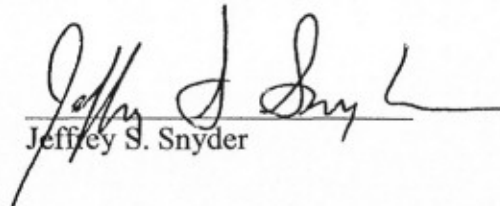
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Technical Certification

I, Jeffrey S. Snyder, Senior Vice President, Space and Ground Systems, of XM Radio Inc., certify under penalty of perjury that:

I am the technically qualified person with overall responsibility for the technical information contained in this letter. I am familiar with the requirements of Part 25 of the Commission's rules, and the information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Jeffrey S. Snyder

Dated: February 10, 2005