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Federal Communications Commission
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Via Hand Delivery
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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**Re: XM Radio Inc.
Completion of Testing and Commencement of Drift of XM-3
File No. SAT-STA-20041221-00226; Call Sign S2617**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 11, 2005, the International Bureau ("Bureau") authorized XM Radio Inc. ("XM") to conduct in-orbit testing of its S-band/X-band satellite, XM-3, at the 80.0°WL orbital location. XM, by its attorneys, hereby informs the Bureau that it has completed the testing of XM-3 at the 80.0°WL orbital location and commenced the drift of XM-3 to its authorized orbital location on April 10, 2005.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Bruce D. Jacobs
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cc: Stephen Duall