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Via Hand Delivery

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

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

**Re: XM Radio Inc.
Notification of Launch of XM-4
File No. SAT-STA-20060501-00050; Call Sign S2616**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 15, 2006, the International Bureau ("Bureau") granted the request of XM Radio Inc. ("XM") for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to conduct in-orbit testing of its S-band/X-band satellite, XM-4, at the 110.7°WL orbital location and to subsequently drift the satellite to the 115°WL orbital location. As required by Condition No. 4 of the STA grant, XM hereby informs the Bureau that XM-4 was successfully launched on October 30, 2006. Accordingly, the 180-day period of this STA will terminate on April 28, 2007.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Blitz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Blitz
Vice President, Regulatory Counsel

cc: Robert Nelson, Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau
Stephen Duall, Satellite Division, International Bureau