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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.
Commencement of Drift of XM-1 (Call Sign S2118) at 115.1°WL
SAT-STA-20060501-00050**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 15, 2006, the International Bureau authorized XM Radio Inc. ("XM") to relocate its in-orbit satellite, XM-1 (Call Sign S2118), to the 115.1° WL orbital location. *See Grant of Special Temporary Authority*, File No. SAT-STA-20060501-00050 (August 15, 2006).

Pursuant to grant of the STA, XM hereby certifies that XM-1 began its drift to the 115.1° WL orbital location on November 10, 2006. Hence, the 180-day term of the STA began on November 10, 2006.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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

James S. Blitz
Vice President, Regulatory Counsel

cc: Stephen Duall