



6 November 2006

Ex Parte

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

Re: *Request for Special Temporary Authority for 30 days; SAT-STA-20061002-00114*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 3 November 2006, in connection with the above-noted request for an STA, undersigned counsel, and James S. Blitz and Robert Smith of XM Satellite Radio, met with the following members of the International Bureau staff: Stephen Duall, Richard Engelman, Shabnam Javid, Karl Kensinger, Jo Ann Lucanik, Robert Nelson, Rod Porter, and Cassandra Thomas. During this meeting, we asked that the Commission grant XM's request for a thirty-day STA and noted:

1. The Commission has already granted STAs covering the XM repeater network and the pending thirty-day STA request is, as a practical matter, nothing more than a request temporarily to modify the existing STAs.
2. While there are many variances between the XM repeater network "as built" and the existing STAs, the network is smaller, less powerful and has less interference potential than what the FCC has already authorized.
3. Granting the thirty-day STA will restore robust service to tens of thousands of consumers whose service on a number of major roadways has been degraded by the remedial actions XM has taken to reduce the number of variances while the STA request is pending, and ensure that XM can provide uninterrupted service to all of its seven million consumers.
4. The repeater network "as built" has not caused a single case of known interference, and granting the 30-day STA will cause no interference to anyone.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: Meeting Participants

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