

ORIGINAL

December 1, 2006

FILED/ACCEPTED

DEC 15 2006

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: XM Radio Inc.
Request for Special Temporary Authority to Operate for 30 Days
FCC File Number SAT-STA-20061002-00114

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing you jointly, on behalf of our three companies -- General Motors Corporation, Honda North America, and Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. -- to urge the Commission to promptly grant a pending Request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") filed by XM Radio Inc., FCC File Number SAT-STA-20061002-00114.¹

GM, Honda, and Toyota each participates in a partnership with XM in connection with the installation and delivery of satellite radio services to our new vehicle buyers. Collectively through our agreements with XM and their agreements with other automobile manufacturers, XM is available in more than 140 different vehicle models for 2006. There are currently over three million XM subscribers in vehicles built by our companies and over 5.5 million vehicles on the road with XM capability. The quality of the service delivered to these customers is important to our companies therefore making the quality of coverage of XM's terrestrial repeater network significantly important to GM, Honda, and Toyota, and to the automobile industry in general.

In addition to its subscription services another significant benefit the XM network provides to our automotive customers is the 24-hour-a-day XM emergency broadcast service. This channel is available to all automotive customers with an XM radio installed in their vehicle regardless of their status as a subscriber. This channel was invaluable to our customers during the unfortunate events of the hurricanes last year and the widespread power failure that occurred in the Northeast.

We are concerned that unless the Commission grants the STA, many of our new vehicle buyers could suffer a degradation or loss of service.

¹ This STA asks for authority to operate for 30 days and can be granted by the Commission's International Bureau at this time. XM also has filed two other STA applications, SAT-STA-20061013-00119 and SAT-STA-20061013-00120, both of which require Public Notice before they can be granted.

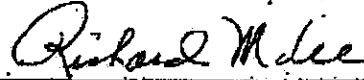
Kevin Martin, Chairman
December 1, 2006
Page 2

We understand that the current 30 day STA request has been supplemented with a 180 day STA request that will be subject to public notice and comment. Given this positioning of the matter we are hopeful that the Commission will grant the authority requested in the 30 day STA as expeditiously as possible to avoid degradation of the XM network.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns in this matter.


Very truly yours,

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION



Richard Lee
Executive Director of Satellite Radio Services

HONDA NORTH AMERICA



Edward B. Cohen
Vice President, Government and
Industry Relations

TOYOTA MOTOR SALES USA, INC.

 12/1/06

Jill Bruce
Corporate Manager, Advanced Technology
Department

cc: Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner
John Giusti, Acting Chief, International Bureau
Roderick Porter, Deputy Chief, International Bureau