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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 12 February 2007 undersigned counsel for XM Radio Inc. discussed the above-noted matter with Rod Porter, Deputy Chief of the International Bureau. During this discussion, I emphasized the importance of granting the requested STA and ensuring that consumers in all markets continue to receive robust satellite radio service. I also suggested that concerns about the failure to seek prior approval for the repeater variations should not be addressed in the STA process.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this filing.<sup>1</sup>

Sincerely yours,

*Scott Blake Harris*

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Cc: Rod Porter

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<sup>1</sup> This ex parte was not filed yesterday because of the weather-related closure of the federal government.