



International Bureau

Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

February 6, 2007

The Hon. Todd Platts  
2209 East Market Street  
York, PA 17402

Dear Representative Platts:

This letter is in response to your letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Keith McCracken, requesting information about the status of certain applications filed by Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. (Sirius).

As noted by Mr. McCracken, Sirius filed two applications on October 13, 2006, in which Sirius notified the Commission that eleven ground-based stations ("repeaters") had been operating at locations with technical parameters different from those authorized by the Commission. Two of these repeaters are located in Pennsylvania: one in Harrisburg, the other in Philadelphia. Sirius informed the Commission that these eleven repeaters, including the two in Pennsylvania, are no longer operating. In the same applications, Sirius requested authority from the Commission to resume operation of these eleven repeaters. Other entities have opposed Sirius' applications and have expressed concern that the operation of the repeaters could pose a risk of interference to wireless licensees in neighboring spectrum bands.

Commission staff is actively reviewing the two applications and the related filings. Please be assured that the Commission plans to take action as expeditiously as possible on these applications, taking into account the complex technical and legal issues raised by them.

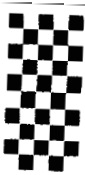
A copy of this letter and related correspondence will be included in the public file of the two applications (file numbers SAT-STA-20061013-00121 and SAT-STA-20061013-00122).

Please let me know if I may be of any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Domenici".

Helen Domenici  
Chief,  
International Bureau



**CONGRESSMAN TODD PLATTS  
19<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA  
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January 4, 2007

Ms. Diane Atkinson  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Atkinson:

Enclosed is correspondence I have received from my constituent, Mr. Keith McCracken, concerning his problem with a FCC tower. Please extend to Mr. Keith McCracken a complete and fair review of this case.

If additional information is needed, please contact my Staff Assistant, Ray Markey, at (717) 600-1919, or via fax at (717) 757-5100. Written replies should be mailed to **Congressman Todd R. Platts**, 2209 East Market Street, York, Pa. 17402. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Platts. I have had a problem and I was wondering if there was anything you could do about it. I am a Sirius Satellite Radio subscriber. I listen to this service mostly while I am a work. Since I work in a office building and am not near a window, I rely on what is called a terrestrial repeater in order to get a signal while indoors. On approximately October 13,2006, I could no longer get a signal while at the office. I will spare you many of the details of what I have gone through trying to get information about this problem, rather I will try to summarize what I know. The most recent information I have received comes from the President of Sirius, Mr. James Meyer. He left me a voice mail after I obtained his email address. His voice mail indicated that Sirius had done an internal audit which revealed approximately 11 repeaters that were not in compliance with the FCC License. One of these repeaters was the one in the Harrisburg area. So Sirius shut the repeater down while awaiting approval from the FCC to turn it back on. Mr. Meyer also stated to me that the ONLY problem with the Harrisburg area repeater that caused Sirius to shut it down is that it is currently located about a mile from what was listed on the FCC permit. Apparently, politics has taken over from this point because it shouldn't take three months to resolve this, should it?? Maybe Mr. Meyer is not relaying the whole truth, but it still seems to me that getting this repeater turned back on should be much easier. I don't know if there is anything you can do to help further a resolution to this, but I would certainly appreciate it if you could. I don't know what else to do at this point.

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