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Re: Ex Parte Notification – Application of Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. for Special Temporary Authority, File No. SAT-STA-20061013-00122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter will supplement the above-referenced application for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate various satellite digital audio radio service (DARS) terrestrial repeaters for a period of 30 days. These applications simply request reinstatement¹ of the repeaters in order to restore existing service in 11 locations.

Sirius urges that its request for 30-day STAs be granted expeditiously. As the Bureau has recognized – and complaints to the Commission attest – use of these “complementary terrestrial repeaters” is necessary in certain locations to “overcome the effects of satellite signal blockage and multipath interference.”² Absent the STAs, service, even if not blocked, will continue to be impaired for consumers in these 11 locales. Accordingly, Sirius requests that the Bureau grant the 30-day STA while it considers Sirius’ 180-day STA application.

Further, as Sirius has informed the Bureau:

- There is no chance that these repeaters will cause harmful interference. All but one of the subject repeaters were operating *at or below* authorized power levels. Sirius is unaware of any operational WCS stations in the vicinity of these repeaters and any complaints of interference from these repeaters.
- The variances between the authorized and requested authorizations are minor. In almost all cases, the total area covered by the repeaters is similar or far smaller; the requested specifications reduce effective radiated power;

¹ As the Commission is aware, Sirius has filed applications for a 30-day STA, in order to provide immediate restoration of service, and a 180-day STA, in order to provide longer-term service.

² *Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.*, Order and Authorization, 16 FCC Rcd 16773, ¶ 2 (Int’l Bur. 2001).

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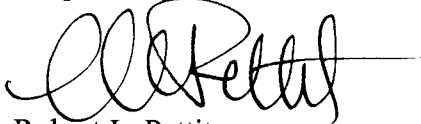
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and the distance between the previously authorized and proposed site is under 10 miles.

In summary, Sirius respectfully requests that the FCC grant the above-referenced request for Special Temporary Authority expeditiously. Should any questions arise concerning this or if you would like any additional information, please let us know.

Respectfully,



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