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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

January 9, 2007

Ms. Amy Richards  
Office of Senator Arlen Specter  
P.O. Box 1092  
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Dear Ms. Richards:

This letter replies to a request by Mr. G. Edward Schweikert, IV, for information about the status of certain applications filed by Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. (Sirius). This request was forwarded to my attention by the Office of Senator Specter via a letter dated November 28, 2006 (copy attached).

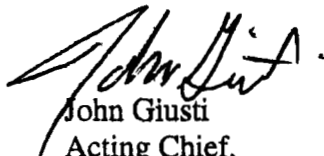
As noted by Mr. Schweikert, Sirius filed two applications on October 13, 2006, in which Sirius notified the Commission that eleven ground-based stations ("repeaters") had been operating at locations and with technical parameters different from those authorized by the Commission. Two of these repeaters 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,

  
John Giusti  
Acting Chief,  
International Bureau

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Dear Ms. Atkinson:

My office has been contacted by G. Edward Schweikert, IV, regarding a request for information from the Federal Communications Commission about Sirius Satellite Radio service. As this matter lies within your purview, I am forwarding a copy of the correspondence I have received.

Your findings and views are greatly appreciated. Please direct your response to Amy Richards, of my Capital Region office, at US Senator Arlen Specter, PO Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108 or by fax to (717) 782-4920. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my staff at (717) 782-3951.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

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**Arlen Specter**  
**U.S. Senator Pennsylvania**

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your request that I contact the appropriate Federal agency for information that might prove helpful. I will be very glad to be of assistance in this matter.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, which went into effect in September of 1975, I must have written permission of the individual whose records will be disclosed. This law was written to protect every American citizen from unauthorized disclosure of personal information without his or her consent.

If the person whose file is involved will sign the release form below and return it to my Harrisburg office, I will do what I can to obtain the necessary information.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

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**Please complete this form and return it, along with any supporting documentation and/or correspondence, to P.O. Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108 or fax to (717) 782-4920.**

I grant permission to release information requested in my behalf to U.S. Senator Arlen Specter.

NAME: For Steven Schmelzer, Jr.

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TELEPHONE: 717-233-1111

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: ...

ANY CLAIM or ID NUMBER: SNIP 2371-206615-0000, SNIP 2371-206615-0000

DATE of BIRTH: [REDACTED]

FEDERAL AGENCY INVOLVED: Federal Communications Commission

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION AND DESIRED OUTCOME:

Obtain information under approval relating to the true name of member without paying through the FCC. The Commission has been sitting on these true requests for nearly two months, which is unacceptable. Since details media subscribers from receiving correct no further description.

DATE: 1/23/88 SIGNATURE: [Signature]

## Smith, Raymond (Specter)

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**From:** gschweikertiv@att.net  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2006 5:47 PM  
**To:** Smith, Raymond (Specter)  
**Subject:** FW: Sirius Satellite Radio

Attached is the email that I forwarded to the FCC on October 18. After sending it seven different times, I finally received an official "no comment" from the Commission. My telephone conversation today with the FCC went much the same way; no one will give me any information as to when the requests will be granted or why they are delayed. Thank you for your help!

Gedd Schweikert

----- Forwarded Message: -----

**From:** gschweikertiv@att.net  
**To:** KJMWEB@fcc.gov, Michael.Copps@fcc.gov, Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov, dtaylor@fcc.gov, Robert.McDowell@fcc.gov, fccinfo@fcc.gov  
**Subject:** Sirius Satellite Radio  
**Date:** Wed, 18 Oct 2006 13:36:32 +0000  
> To the Commissioners:

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> I am a subscriber to Sirius Satellite Radio. Recently, Sirius was  
> compelled to shut down 11 of its terrestrial repeaters pending a  
> ruling from the FCC on its October 13, 2006, Request for Modification  
> of SDARS Terrestrial Repeater (180 days). In some areas, I depend  
> upon terrestrial repeaters to receive my satellite radio service. My  
> understanding is, as of this date, no ruling has been made to allow  
> Sirius to turn the repeaters back on. Does the Commission anticipate entering this  
order in the near future?

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> Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

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> G. E. Schweikert