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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, Inmarsat Mobile Networks, Inc., FCC File Nos. SES-

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 20, 2015, the undersigned, on behalf of Eutelsat, S.A. ("Eutelsat"), spoke via telephone with Renee Gregory, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler, and Jose Albuquerque of the International Bureau regarding the issues presented in the above-referenced proceedings.

Specifically, the parties discussed the status of Inmarsat's pending application to operate a gateway earth station at Lino Lakes, Minnesota and obtain U.S. market access for the Inmarsat-5 F2 satellite to be located at 55° W.L. (the "Market Access Application").

I informed the Commission staff that Eutelsat plans to relocate, launch and operate Ka-band satellites at 55.2° W.L. where it has ITU date priority over Inmarsat in the Ka-band. As the Commission is aware, coordination of two co-frequency, co-coverage satellite networks in such close proximity is an extremely difficult undertaking. In light of this fact, I informed the Commission staff that Eutelsat would be preparing a pleading concerning the Inmarsat Market Access Application and that additional background would be set forth therein to explain the basis for Eutelsat's position.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically via IBFS in the above-referenced proceedings.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Brian D. Weimer

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cc: Renee Gregory, Office of Chairman Wheeler Jose Albuquerque, International Bureau, Satellite Division

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