RigNet SatCom Inc. FCC Form 312 Schedule A

## **Exhibit F: Response to Item A21**

Pursuant to Section 25.119(c) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(c), RigNet SatCom Inc. ("RigNet SatCom") requests Commission consent to assign two Ku-band earth stations onboard vessel ("ESV") blanket licenses, Call Signs E100084 and E090138, from Data Technology Solutions LLC ("DTS") to RigNet SatCom.<sup>1</sup> RigNet SatCom is the wholly owned, FCC license holding subsidiary of RigNet Inc., a publicly traded company that recently acquired the assets of DTS via a commercial purchase agreement.<sup>2</sup> DTS is a Louisiana-based company that provides communications and IT services to the offshore and maritime industries, as well as disaster relief solutions. The proposed assignment will enhance RigNet SatCom's commercial offerings in the region, serve the public interest and is consistent with RigNet SatCom's existing FCC authorizations.<sup>3</sup>

Section 25.119(a) of the Commission's rules stipulates that the Commission will grant an application for a license assignment only if it finds that doing so will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.<sup>4</sup> Moreover, Section 310(d) of the Communications Act states that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RigNet SatCom is also filing an application with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau for consent to assign two fixed service licenses from DTS to RigNet SatCom (Call Signs WQKK629 and WQKB707).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See GlobeNewswire, RigNet Announces Strategic Asset Acquisition of Data Technology Solutions (DTS), (24 July 2017), <u>https://globenewswire.com/news-</u> release/2017/07/24/1056152/0/en/RigNet-Announces-Strategic-Asset-Acquisition-of-Data-Technology-Solutions-DTS.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *See, e.g.*, RigNet SatCom, Inc., File No. SES-MOD-20150611-00354 (Call Sign E980235) (multi-band ESV blanket license authorization).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 25.119(a).

"[n]o construction permit or station license, or any rights thereunder, shall be transferred, assigned, or disposed of in any manner . . . to any person except upon application to the Commission and upon finding by the Commission that the public interest, convenience, and necessity will be served thereby."<sup>5</sup> As discussed below, grant of the requested ESV blanket license assignment from DTS to RigNet SatCom will serve the public interest.

Grant of the requested license assignment will serve the public interest because it will allow RigNet SatCom to provide more robust broadband satellite communications services to a wide array of users, enhance the commercial offerings available for its customers and enable critical voice, data and emergency communications services that support customer personnel. The assignment will also expand RigNet SatCom's portfolio of connectivity solutions, improving its operational flexibility and allowing it to better serve its customers, including vessels in motion, marine barges and remote oil platforms, that may be unable to obtain communications services through alternative facilities.

In conclusion, the assignment of two Ku-band ESV blanket licenses, Call Signs E100084 and E090138, from DTS to RigNet SatCom will serve the public interest and is consistent with Commission policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 310(d).