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Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Obstacles to Delivery of Next-Generation Satellite Communications Services
(File Nos. SES-LFS-20050826-01175; SES-MFS-20051122-01614; SES-STA-20060307-00374; SES-STA-20060310-00419; SES-LFS-20050930-01352; SES-MFS-20060118-00050; SES-STA-20060308-00388; SES-STA-20060313-00430; SES-LFS-20051011-01396; SES-STA-20060314-00438; SES-MFS-20051207-01709; SES-STA-20060307-00372; SES-LFS-20051123-01634; SES-STA-20060316-00454; SES-MFS-20051202-01665; SES-STA-20060307-00373; SES-LFS-20060303-00343; SES-STA-20060315-00445)

Dear Chairman Martin:

I have had the privilege of serving our country in the United States Army, and during that tenure I learned that a reliable communications system is of vital importance to achieving mission objectives, be it in times of war or peace. Adequate communications technology is just as critical for country's domestic emergency management organizations as it is for our armed forces. Consequently, I was encouraged after hearing that the next generation of satellite communications are being developed which will allow local and state first responders to easily shift from traditional cell phone service to satellite service if existing cellular facilities are compromised through either a natural disaster or a terrorist attack.

While the development of the technology looks very promising, I am troubled by the possibility that the deployment of this vital communications technology may be delayed as a result of the inefficient distribution of the L band spectrum, which falls under the auspices of the FCC. I believe that the next generation of satellite technology will enhance numerous emergency organizations' ability to provide necessary services in the event of a disaster. Thus it is my sincere hope that you and your fellow Commission members will thoroughly investigate this matter. Since this is clearly a matter of public safety and security, I trust that you will do everything you can to ensure that the deployment of this important communications technology will not be hampered by the lack of access to the L band spectrum.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Scott Lingamfelter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "S" and "L" for "Lingamfelter".

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