

July 12, 2006

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:

It is my understanding that the next generation of satellite communications are being developed that will allow public safety and emergency management organizations to easily shift from traditional terrestrial cell phone service to satellite service if the existing cellular facilities are destroyed by either a natural disaster or a terrorist attack.

As the Chairman of the Virginia House of Delegates Courts of Justice Committee and the Vice Chairman of Virginia's Crime Commission, I view this new satellite technology as an important tool in the effort to protect our citizens in case of natural or manmade disaster.

I am told that this system will not be as effective if there is not an adequate distribution of "L Band Spectrum." The deployment of this communications technology as a matter of public safety and security, and it is my hope that you will thoroughly investigate this matter and do everything you can to ensure that adequate access to the L band spectrum is available.

Thank you for attention to this important public safety matter.

Sincerely,

David B. Albo
Member, Virginia House of Delegates

Cc: The Honorable Tom Davis