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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re:

File Nos. SES-LIC-20030910-01261

SES-AMD-20031223-01860

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Saleilite and Radiocommunications Division International Bureau

ViaSat develops and produces advanced digital wireless products for the military and commercial markets. ViaSat is a major producer of VSAT systems, and it designs and supplies major components of the aircraft earth stations (AESs) used in the Connexion by BoeingSM Ku-band AMSS system.

With respect to ARINC's proposed SKYLinkSM services at 103° W.L., ViaSat is responsible for the development and production of the AESs and the system control. SKYLink is engineered and tested to provide reliable broadband Internet service to business aviation, while complying with the off-axis power spectral density requirements specified through the combination of Sections 25.209 and 25.134 of the FCC's Rules. SKYLink is designed to protect adjacent GSO Ku-band satellites from harmful interference, and utilizes sophisticated and proprietary algorithms to provide real time traffic management and to adjust for ARINC's real world experience with the traffic offered by the end users.

We understand that the operators of Ku-band satellite systems within 4° of the 103° W.L. location are satisfied that SKYLink poses little risk of harmful interference. Both the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have also agreed that SKYLink can be operated without harmful interference to them.

We believe that ARINC and the other participants in the SKYLink system have every commercial incentive to make certain that this system operates efficiently without causing harmful interference.

We urge the Commission to promptly grant ARINC's SKYLink application.

Sincerely,

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