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Federal Communications Commission

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RE:

Coordination Agreement with RaySat

The Electromagnetic Spectrum Management Unit of the National Science Foundation has drafted a coordination agreement with RaySat regarding the use of their mobile satellite terminals in the vicinity of NSF-sponsored radio astronomy observatories in the continental United States. Before signing, the coordination agreement must be reviewed at multiple levels within the NSF, but based on previous experience with similar coordination agreements between NSF and the operators of airborne satellite terminals in this band, we do not anticipate any significant objections to the NSF/RaySat agreement as written. We recognize RaySat's need to inform the FCC in a timely manner of the status of its coordination efforts with NSF. It is our expectation that NSF will sign the final coordination agreement within approximately 60 days.