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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals Building 445 12th Street, S.W. TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

O3b Limited First Satellite Launch and In Service Milestone Notification Request for Informative Public Notice Call Sign E100088

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 25, 2012, the Commission issued a license (the "Hawaii Gateway License") authorizing O3b Limited ("O3b") to operate a gateway earth station located in Hawaii to communicate with O3b's non-geostationary satellite orbit ("NGSO") space stations.¹ The grant of O3b's application for the Hawaii Gateway License was conditioned on O3b posting a \$2 million performance bond assuring compliance with two FCC milestones, the first of which is that O3b launch and place its first NGSO space station into operation within one year of grant, *i.e.*, by September 25, 2013.² O3b filed a copy of its bond with the Commission on October 24, 2012.³

¹ See File No. SES-LIC-20100723-00952, Call Sign E100088.

² Hawaii Gateway License, condition 90047. The Commission's rules establish five milestones for NGSO systems; require NGSO licensees to post a \$5 million performance bond covering the five milestones; and footnote cont'd on next page

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Pursuant to Sections 25.145(f)(iv), 25.164(b)(4), and 25.165(d) of the Commission's rules,⁴ O3b hereby provides the attached certification that it has satisfied the first FCC milestone. O3B respectfully requests that the Commission issue an informative Public Notice confirming that O3b has met this milestone and that, in accordance with Section 25.165(d), the amount of O3b's bond may be reduced by One Million Dollars.

Please direct any questions concerning this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Godles Attorney for O3b Limited

cc: Joslyn Read, O3b Limited

provide that the bond amount may be reduced by \$1 million each time a milestone is satisfied. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.164(b), 25.165(a)(1), and 25.165(d). O3b already had satisfied the first three milestones by the time the Hawaii Gateway License was issued. *See* letter, dated April 23, 2012, from Brian D. Weimer, counsel to O3b, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, File No. SES-LIC-20100723-00952.

³ See File No. SES-LIC-20100723-00952.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.145(f) (iv), 25.164(b)(4), and 25.165(d).

CERTIFICATION

- I am the Chief Technical Officer of O3b Limited ("O3b"), which is the holder of an FCC gateway earth station license (the "Hawaii Gateway License"), Call Sign E100088, that is subject to two milestone conditions. The first of the two conditions is that O3b launch and place into operation, within one year of the date the Hawaii Gateway License was issued (*i.e.*, by September 25, 2013), the first satellite in O3b's non-geostationary satellite orbit system (the "First Satellite").
- The First Satellite was launched on June 25, 2013, and it was placed into operation on July 1st, 2013. Accordingly, the first milestone condition of the Hawaii Gateway License has been satisfied.
- 3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Brian Holz

Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer

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