Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Application of RigNet SatCom, Inc. to)	Call Sign: E070104
Modify Existing Very Small Aperture)	C
Terminal ("VSAT") Blanket License to Add)	File No.:
New Ku-band Remotes)	

APPLICATION TO MODIFY VSAT BLANKET LICENSE

By this application, RigNet Satcom, Inc. ("RigNet") respectfully seeks to modify its existing Ku-band very small aperture terminal ("VSAT") blanket license, Call Sign E070104, by adding authority to operate six (6) new terminal types in the 11.7-12.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) and 14.0-14.5 GHz (Earth-to-space) bands. The proposed modification will allow RigNet to provide more robust satellite communication services to U.S. customers in the energy, mining and maritime industries, where alternative communications services are generally unavailable, and deliver improved connectivity solutions that support critical commercial activities.

I. Discussion

RigNet seeks to add the following Ku-band VSAT terminals to its license for operations in the 11.7-12.2 GHz and the 14.0-14.5 GHz bands, each of which has been previously authorized by the Commission (prior authorization noted):

- 200 Prodelin Model 1123 1.2m VSAT remotes (REMOTE 7);¹
- 250 Prodelin Model 1132 1.2m VSAT remotes (REMOTE 8);²

¹ See, e.g., RigNet SatCom Inc., File No. SES-MOD-20050621-00798, Call Sign E950149.

² See, e.g., Clear Channel Satellite Services, File No. SES-MOD-20101102-01379, Call Sign E050143.

- 250 Prodelin Model 1134 1.2m VSAT remotes (REMOTE 9);³
- 50 Prodelin Model 1251 2.4m VSAT remotes (REMOTE 10);⁴
- 250 Winegard Model SF840 0.84m VSAT remotes (REMOTE 11)⁵; and
- 50 SkyWare Model 123 1.2m VSAT remotes (REMOTE 12).⁶

RigNet will continue to operate the VSAT remotes with currently authorized hub earth stations located at a teleport facility in Riverside, California (geographic coordinates: 33° 47' 46.0" N, 117° 5' 15.0" W).⁷ Moreover, RigNet seeks to add authority to operate each new remote VSAT terminal with any U.S.-licensed or non-U.S.-licensed satellites on the Commission's Permitted Space Station List ("Permitted List").

The proposed terminals are compliant with the relevant off-axis EIRP spectral density masks adopted by the Commission⁸ and thus eligible for routine processing under the Commission's rules.⁹ In addition to the FCC Form 312 Schedule B, which contains the relevant information relating the technical parameters of the proposed VSAT operations, RigNet provides radiation hazard studies for each VSAT remote.

³ See, e.g., TampNet Inc., File No. SES-LIC-20101213-01543, Call Sign E100138.

⁴ See, e.g., LBISAT LLC, File No. SES-MOD-20151020-00758, Call Sign E050126.

⁵ See, e.g., Data Technology Solutions, File No. SES-MOD-20150227-00103, Call Sign E100084.

⁶ See, e.g., The Boeing Company, File No. SES-LIC-20131219-01204, Call Sign E130239.

⁷ See Intelsat License LLC, File No. ES-RWL-20170801-00844, Call Sign E020191.

⁸ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.218(f).

⁹ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.115(c)(1)(i).

II. Public Interest Statement

Grant of this application will serve the public interest by allowing RigNet to provide improved satellite services to U.S. companies and personnel in the mining and energy industries that rely on satellite connectivity for critical operational and employee support. Adding new VSAT terminals will help RigNet deliver more reliable broadband satellite services to a wide array of users in rural areas, including remote exploration sites and oil platforms and vessels in motion, that may be unable to obtain communications services through alternative facilities. In addition, using stabilized VSAT remotes, RigNet will be able to provide users with high-speed Internet access, corporate VPN, e-mail, voice and other services, including emergency communications in both inland and off-shore deployments.

III. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, RigNet respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request to modify its VSAT blanket license, Call Sign E070104, by adding authority to operate new Ku-band VSAT terminals with any U.S.-licensed or non-U.S. licensed satellite on the Commission's Permitted List.