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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Application of KVH Industries, Inc. for Special Temporary Authority
File No. SES-STA-20081105-01449, Call Sign E090001**

Dear Mr. Kotler:

Pursuant to Section 1.65 of the Commission's rules, KVH Industries, Inc. ("KVH") hereby submits additional information in the record of the above-referenced proceeding. KVH seeks special temporary authority ("STA") to operate previously authorized Ku-band earth stations onboard vessels ("ESVs," in this case the KVH V7 terminal) during the pendency of its unopposed license application.¹

As indicated in the attached letter from Lt. W. Perry Sproul, COMMSATCOM Project Manager for the U.S. Coast Guard, the Coast Guard has an immediate and pressing need to deploy broadband maritime communications capabilities to its ships in the Alaska/Northern Pacific region. Communications services currently available to the Coast Guard in this region are extremely limited, expensive, and do not have the capabilities of the KVH V7 terminal. As a result, the Coast Guard is installing these terminals on its cutters and seeks to utilize them at the earliest possible time.

Immediate grant of the requested STA would strongly serve the public interest. The critical homeland security missions of the Coast Guard are being undermined by the absence of broadband communications capabilities that would enhance operational effectiveness, safety and mission success. Moreover, because the KVH V7 is less expensive than existing communications alternatives, the Coast Guard will be able to perform its missions with greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

¹ See File No. SES-LIC-20081104-01450, Call Sign E090001.

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As indicated in KVH's original STA request, the V7 terminal is currently being used by the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard in the Atlantic and Caribbean regions under previously granted STAs. These operations have been conducted without interference during the pendency of the underlying license application to further important homeland security interests. The same public interest reasons supporting grant of the prior V7 STAs also support grant of the instant request.

In this connection, KVH recognizes the conditions applicable to the prior V7 STAs and will accept such conditions in the context of its current request. KVH further recognizes that long-term authority for the proposed operations would be subject to Commission action on KVH's underlying license application, including any modification of the conditions on V7 operations.

In view of the foregoing additional information and the reasons set forth in original request, KVH respectfully requests grant of the above-referenced STA request at the earliest possible time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P.

Handwritten signature of Carlos M. Nalda in cursive script, followed by a vertical line and a small mark.

Carlos M. Nalda
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Attachment

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Dear Mr. Kotler,

Following up on our recent telephone conversation, I would like to reiterate the U.S. Coast Guard's strong support for immediate grant of the above-referenced application of KVH Industries, Inc. ("KVH"). The Coast Guard is currently in the process of installing the KVH V7 SATCOM system aboard two different platforms in our fleet. Our 225ft and 110ft cutters are receiving this new communication system to enhance their operational effectiveness, including in the geographic region covered by the KVH application.

Communications capabilities for our ships in the Alaska/Northern Pacific region has been extremely limited and continues to negatively impact our daily operations. Immediate access to the V7 SATCOM system in the region will permit simultaneous voice and data connectivity and other broadband communications applications, thereby enhancing safety, operational effectiveness and successful implementation of the Coast Guard's homeland security missions. Continuing to operate without such communications capabilities will undermine our ability to perform these critical missions.

In addition to enhanced capabilities, the K7 SATCOM system is significantly more cost-effective than current communications networks available in the region. As a result, the Coast Guard will be able to conduct its operations more efficiently and at lower cost than is currently possible.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in getting these much-needed communication capabilities authorized and online for our fleet in the Alaska/Northern Pacific region.

Sincerely,



LT W. Perry Sproul, USCG
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