

March 10, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication, ET Docket No. 13-115, RM-11341, and IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20161115-00118 and SAT-LOA-20170301-00027*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that, on March 9, 2017, representatives of Space Exploration Technologies Corp. ("SpaceX") met with the Chairman and his staff with respect to the above referenced proceedings. Present at the meeting for the Commission were Chairman Ajit Pai and his Acting Wireless Advisor, Rachael Bender. Present on behalf of SpaceX were Gwynne Shotwell, President and COO, Tim Hughes and Patricia Cooper.

During the meeting, SpaceX highlighted its ongoing space transportation services business and its continuing support of the letter recently filed in this proceeding by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA") endorsing the concept of allocating spectrum resources for commercial space launch operations.¹ Such an allocation would be a significant step toward streamlining launch spectrum licensing in the future, which will become even more important as the cadence of commercial launch and recovery activities increases over the next few years. SpaceX expressed its hope that this proceeding could be resolved in the near future to implement the allocations proposed by NTIA, and that in the longer term all spectrum needed for commercial launch activities could be allocated for that use.

SpaceX also discussed its applications for operating authority for a non-geostationary orbit ("NGSO") satellite system in the Fixed-Satellite Service ("FSS") bands of Ku-, Ka-band and V-bands.² SpaceX also discussed the advances in launch, spacecraft and ground technology that will permit large constellations of highly-intelligent satellites to provide high-speed, reliable and affordable broadband service to consumers in the U.S. and around the world.

¹ See Letter from Lawrence E. Strickling to The Hon. Tom Wheeler, ET Docket No. 13-115 and RM-11341 (Sep. 30, 2016).

² See IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20161115-00118 and SAT-LOA-20170301-00027.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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