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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: *IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20200526-00055 and SAT-AMD-20210818-00105*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Another week, another objection from Amazon against a competitor, yet still no sign of progress on Amazon's own long-rumored satellite system. In its latest diatribe,¹ Amazon spends over six of eight pages on matters wholly irrelevant to the current proceeding or even matters currently before the Commission. Pushing past Amazon's efforts at distraction and delay, only one simple question is currently before the Commission in this proceeding: whether SpaceX provided sufficient information on a proposed minor amendment to the application for its next-generation system for the Commission to seek public comment on that application. The answer is unquestionably yes.

As usual, Amazon tries to prevent a fair review on the merits by using procedural gamesmanship. Despite its theatrics, Amazon does not identify a single fact, figure, or scintilla of data that SpaceX omitted from its application. Nor can Amazon point to a single rule that prohibits SpaceX from providing the Commission with extra information about an alternative configuration for its system. That is because SpaceX has provided all information required under Commission rules and more information than necessary for the public and the Commission to evaluate all aspects of its application. Nonetheless, Amazon is attempting to use a procedural gambit to prevent the public from even having the opportunity to provide feedback on the merits of SpaceX's application.

SpaceX's request at this point remains straightforward and simple. SpaceX asks only that the Commission make its application available for comment from all members of the public—including Amazon's legion of lobbyists and lawyers. Undoubtedly, Amazon will find a litany of other issues with the application to complain about. Nonetheless, that is what the comment cycle is for—to give the public the opportunity to build a complete record to assist the Commission in evaluating SpaceX's application for its next-generation system. SpaceX therefore urges the Commission to put the application out for comment immediately to expedite the process of providing better broadband to more Americans, no matter where they live.

¹ See Letter from C. Andrew Keisner to Marlene H. Dortch, IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-20200526-00055 and SAT-AMD-20210818-00105 (Sep. 8, 2021).

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Sincerely,

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