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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* MEETING**
IB Docket No. 02-10
Use of Satellite Earth Stations on Board Vessels

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 9, 2004, on behalf of Broadband Maritime, Inc. (“Broadband Maritime”), I had an *ex parte* meeting with Sheryl J. Wilkerson and Bethany Smocer from the office of Chairman Michael K. Powell. Broadband Maritime operates a network of earth stations on board vessels (“ESVs”) using the 5925-6425 MHz/3700-4200 MHz band (“C-Band”) on board foreign-registered merchant marine ships pursuant to No. 4.4 of the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union (“ITU”).

We discussed a number of issues addressed in the comments and reply comments filed by Broadband Maritime, including the public interest need for ESV service, the reasons why Broadband Maritime must use the C-Band frequencies when operating within 300 km of the United States coastline, the reasons why it would be impractical for Broadband Maritime to frequency-coordinate C-Band use at each of the United States ports, methods for protecting terrestrial fixed services from interference while operating ESVs on an uncoordinated, non-

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interference basis, the benefits of routinely authorizing 2.4 meter antennas for the C-Band, and
ESV operations on vessels of foreign registry.

Very truly yours,

Eliot J. Greenwald

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