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SIA Submits Industry Consensus Comments on CALEA

Alexandria, Va. – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) filed its consensus comments with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) yesterday in response to an August *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the matter of *Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act and Broadband Access and Services* (“CALEA Broadband NPRM”). SIA stressed its support for the Commission’s objective in implementing CALEA to ensure law enforcement’s continued ability to surveil broadband Internet access.

David Cavossa, executive director of SIA, stated **“the satellite industry has always cooperated closely with law enforcement to provide interception capabilities in a timely and appropriate manner.”**

However, SIA stated that when FSS owner-operators supply long-haul transport to broadband Internet access providers, such transport is neither a replacement for the local exchange, nor the final mile, and thus not a “broadband” service subject to CALEA.

In addition, SIA urged the FCC to clarify some aspects of the CALEA framework regarding interception of content information and call-identifying information because of difficulties capturing such information in the packet stream.

The Satellite Industry Association is a U.S.-based trade association representing the world’s leading satellite manufacturers, service providers, ground equipment suppliers, and launch service companies. SIA serves as an advocate for the commercial satellite industry on regulatory and policy issues common to its members. With member companies providing a broad range of manufactured products and services throughout the world, SIA represents the consensus voice of the commercial satellite industry.

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