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**SIA Chairman Jennifer A. Manner Testifies Before FCC
Public En Banc Hearing on Public Safety Interoperable Communications
– the 700 MHz Band Proceeding**

Brooklyn, New York, July 30, 2008— Jennifer A. Manner, the current Chairman of the Satellite Industry Association (“SIA”), today testified before a Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) En Banc Hearing on “Public Safety Interoperable Communications – the 700 MHz Band Proceeding” to highlight the critical role that satellite services play in the nation’s emergency preparedness and public safety.

Manner, also Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs for Mobile Satellite Ventures, L.P., urged the FCC to encourage and facilitate the incorporation of satellite-based communications capability into public safety networks. She noted that “the satellite industry provides many innovative services, including broadband communications to public safety, emergency responders and other American consumers, at cost-effective rates through equipment that continues to decline in size and price and services that are dropping in costs.”

For the FCC’s D-block spectrum auction, SIA encouraged the FCC to maintain its requirement that the eventual D-block licensee make available to public safety users at least one handset that includes a seamlessly-integrated satellite solution, and to grant the D-block licensee flexibility if a satellite component is integrated in its shared 700 MHz public/private communications infrastructure. Manner concluded that “when disaster strikes, satellite infrastructure that has been integrated into a public safety network can be relied upon to bridge the dangerous gaps in communications caused by damaged and destroyed terrestrial infrastructure by providing an immediately available communications path, and assisting in restoral of the terrestrial network through backhaul of wireless systems.”

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, remote sensing operators, and ground equipment suppliers. SIA is the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. SIA Executive Members include: Arrowhead Global Solutions, Inc.; Artel Inc.; The Boeing Company; DataPath, Inc.; The DIRECTV Group; Hughes Network Systems LLC; ICO Global Communications; Integral Systems, Inc.; Intelsat, Ltd.; Iridium Satellite LLC; Lockheed Martin Corp.; Loral Space & Communications Inc.; Mobile Satellite Ventures LP; Northrop Grumman Corporation; SES Americom, Inc.; and TerreStar Networks Inc. Associate Members include: ATK Inc.; Comtech EF Data Corp.; EchoStar Corporation; EMC Inc.; Eutelsat Inc.; Inmarsat Inc.; Marshall Communications Corp.; New Skies Satellites, Inc.; Spacecom Ltd.; Spacenet Inc.; Stratos Global Corp; SWE-DISH Satellite Systems; Telesat Corp. and WildBlue Communications, Inc. Additional information can be found at www.sia.org. # # #