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## THE SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION WELCOMES FCC APPROVAL OF SATELLITE REGULATORY OVERHAUL

Washington, D.C., August 9, 2013 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) welcomed the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) approval earlier today of an order that updates and streamlines the licensing rules and regulations for communications satellites contained in Part 25 of the FCC’s rules. SIA has strongly supported the FCC’s initiative to update and streamline the regulations and processes that govern its licensing of satellite spacecraft, earth stations and services.

The Part 25 order adopted today would be the first update to the Part 25 rules that govern all types of communications satellites, including those used for fixed and mobile voice and data services, broadcast television, and broadband services, as well as spacecraft control stations, satellite phones, and fixed and mobile earth stations. The order will remove redundancies and inconsistencies, consolidate reporting requirements and adapt provisions to reflect ongoing changes in satellite technology.

“SIA applauds the priority the Commission has given to overhauling its regulations and processes for licensing the satellite sector,” said Patricia Cooper, SIA’s President. “While SIA and our member companies are still reviewing the details of the order, we appreciate the significant effort required to revamp these complex rules. The satellite sector relies on efficient and transparent regulatory processes to quickly deploy space and ground infrastructure and continue innovating and investing in satellite services that are relied upon in the U.S. and around the world, such as consumer and in-flight broadband services, video distribution, and national security and public safety communications.”

### **About The Satellite Industry Association**

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. Since its creation more than eighteen years ago, SIA has advocated for the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. For more information, visit [www.sia.org](http://www.sia.org).

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