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SIA APPLAUDS FCC PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL STREAMLINING OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

Washington, D.C., September 30, 2014 - The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced its strong and continuing support for efforts by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to streamline the regulations governing satellite communications. During today's Open Meeting, the Commission approved unanimously a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) which continues the FCC's ongoing comprehensive review of the regulations for satellite services and advances satellite process reforms. The FNPRM considers various proposals to revise Part 25 of the Commission's rules, which governs the licensing and operating regulations for satellites and related ground equipment. The proposals in the FNPRM will amend, clarify or eliminate numerous unnecessary or outmoded rule provisions, reducing the regulatory burden on the satellite industry and enhancing the industry's ability to provide innovative satellite services to U.S. consumers more quickly and efficiently.

"SIA applauds the continuing work of the Commission to streamline its regulations and update its processes for the satellite services sector," said Sam Black, Acting President of SIA. "We appreciate the FCC's efforts to further improve the efficiency of the regulatory environment that has supported the satellite industry's growth over the past decade. There were more than 1200 satellites on orbit at the end of last year, and nearly 10 percent of them were launched just since January 2013. Given the sustained commitment of the global satellite industry to invest in new technology, and the tens of billions of dollars required to do so, this streamlining action by the Commission is as important as it is timely. Our members look forward to reviewing the Commission's proposals."

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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 almost twenty 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.

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