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**SIA APPLAUDS FCC ACTION TO FURTHER STREAMLINE
REGULATIONS GOVERNING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS**

Washington, D.C., December 17, 2015 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today applauded the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which voted to approve a Report and Order streamlining and modernizing licensing and operating regulations for satellite services. SIA strongly supports this effort by the FCC.

The Report and Order implements many of the proposals issued in a September 2014 notice, which discussed a variety of proposals to revise Part 25 of the Commission’s rules governing the licensing and operating regulations for satellites and related ground equipment. The proposals in the Report and Order will amend, clarify or eliminate numerous unnecessary or outmoded rule provisions, reducing the regulatory burden on the satellite industry and allowing companies to bring new and innovative services to U.S. consumers more quickly and efficiently.

“SIA appreciates the commitment of the FCC to streamlining and updating its Part 25 rules and associated procedures,” said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. “These reforms will promote a level playing field for U.S. companies and foster innovation in the communications industry, delivering tangible benefits to millions of Americans.”

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About The Satellite Industry Association

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. Since its creation twenty years ago, SIA has advocated on behalf 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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