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**SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS
FOR 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Washington, D.C., January 14, 2016 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced the election of its 2016 Executive Committee. The SIA Board of Directors elected **Jennifer Manner** of EchoStar to serve as Chair for the coming year, joined by **Patricia Cooper** of SpaceX, as Vice Chair, and **Gerry Oberst** of SES, as Treasurer.

“SIA is pleased and privileged to announce these industry leaders and experts to lead our Executive Board,” said **Tom Stroup, President of SIA**. “The incoming Executive Committee brings years of valuable commercial and regulatory experience to the board while continuing to reflect the diverse and expanding nature of the domestic satellite industry. I would also like to thank SIA’s outgoing board for their service during the past year and we look forward to a new year, poised to continue to expand our role as the voice of the U.S. satellite industry.”

Jennifer A. Manner is Vice President, Regulatory Affairs at EchoStar and she recently served as Vice Chair of the FCC’s WRC-15 Advisory Committee. Prior to joining EchoStar, Ms. Manner served as Deputy Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology and before that Deputy Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau of the FCC. Before that, Ms. Manner was Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at Skyterra Communications (now LightSquared). Previously she served as senior counsel to FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, where she focused on international, satellite, wireless, new technologies and consumer issues. She also served as Director of International Alliances and Associate Counsel for Foreign Market Entry and International Wireless Services at MCI WorldCom, Inc. and as an attorney-advisor at the FCC. Ms. Manner is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. She has published numerous articles as well as books, including *International Market Access* (Artech House, 1999) and *Spectrum Wars* (Artech House, 2000).

Patricia Cooper is Vice President of Satellite Government Affairs at SpaceX. Prior to joining SpaceX, Ms. Cooper served as Vice President, Government Affairs and Policy at Intelsat. From 2007-2014, she led the Satellite Industry Association as its President, leading its regulatory, government and export controls portfolios and managing the organization. Before SIA, she held senior positions at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), including as Senior Satellite Competition Advisor and Chief, Regional and Bilateral Affairs Branch. Prior to the FCC, Ms. Cooper worked at start-up Internet firm Core Express Corporation and led the international

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market access work for PanAmSat Corporation. An economist by trade, Ms. Cooper began her career at the Commerce Department promoting the U.S. satellite and telecommunications industry internationally.

Gerry Oberst is Senior Vice President, Global Regulatory and Governmental Strategy at SES. He has more than three decades of professional experience advising the satellite communications industry and before joining SES was a partner in the law firm Hogan Lovells. He started his career in Washington, D.C. and moved to Brussels in 1991 to help open a new European office for the firm and advise on international regulation of communications services. During his career he has worked with and advised a host of major telecommunications clients in their dealings with the International Telecommunication Union, the European Commission and EU Member States, as well as some emerging market administrations. He was the regulatory columnist for *Via Satellite* magazine for twenty years and has published extensively in other publications, including a blog at his law firm entitled the “International Spectrum Review” and the book “The Consolidated EU Electronic Communications Regulatory Framework” reflecting 2009 amendments. Gerry is a member of the International Institute of Space Law.

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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. For more than two decades, 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.

SIA Executive Members include: The Boeing Company; The DIRECTV Group; EchoStar Corporation; Intelsat S.A.; Iridium Communications Inc.; Kratos Defense & Security Solutions; LightSquared; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Northrop Grumman Corporation; SES Americom, Inc.; Space Exploration Technologies Corp.; SSL; and ViaSat, Inc. SIA Associate Members include: ABS US Corp.; Airbus DS SatCom Government, Inc.; Artel, LLC; Cisco; Comtech EF Data Corp.; DigitalGlobe Inc.; DRS Technologies, Inc.; Eutelsat America Corp.; Global Eagle Entertainment; Glowlink Communications Technology, Inc.; Hughes; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat, Inc.; Kymeta Corporation; Marshall Communications Corporation.; O3b Limited; Orbital ATK; OneWeb; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Planet Labs Inc.; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Telesat Canada; TrustComm, Inc.; Ultisat, Inc.; and XTAR, LLC.