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PRESS STATEMENT

SIA Supports FCC DBS Decision

Washington, DC – The Satellite Industry Association (“SIA”) today announced its strong support for the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) decision to adopt a schedule for high definition (“HD”) must carry rules that recognizes the unique technological and operational realities of the Direct Broadcast Satellite (‘DBS’) industry released today.

“A four year phase-in from the digital transition gives DBS operators time to come into compliance with the FCC’s rules, while preserving service to consumers and allowing satellite operators to continue to provide a competitive alternative to cable,” SIA Board of Directors Chair Jennifer Manner noted.

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.

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