**DA 13-1717**

**August 7, 2013**

**COMMENTS SOUGHT ON LIGHTSQUARED SUBSIDIARY LLC *EX PARTE* FILING**

**IB Docket Nos. 12-340, 11-109; IBFS File Nos. SAT-MOD-20120928-00160,-00161; SAT-MOD-20101118-00239; SES-MOD-20121001-00872; RM-11681; WT Docket No. 12-327**

**Report No. SPB-253**

**Comment Date: September 6, 2013**

**Reply Comment Date: September 23, 2013**

On July 15, 2013, LightSquared Subsidiary LLC (LightSquared) filed an *ex parte* presentation in these proceedings that is related solely to terrestrial handsets (and does not address the technical matters associated with terrestrial base stations).[[1]](#footnote-1) Specifically, the report provides an “overview of the assessments” concerning the potential operations of LightSquared’s terrestrial wireless handsets in the 1626.5-1660.5 MHz Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) uplink portion of the L-band.[[2]](#footnote-2) In particular, the report provides technical analyses of the potential interaction of LightSquared terrestrial wireless devices with GPS devices used for general location/navigation, high precision and aviation services.[[3]](#footnote-3) LightSquared states that the presentation includes a focused response to questions raised by several government agencies.[[4]](#footnote-4) LightSquared concludes that the presentation provides validation to its proposed plan for proceeding with the modified deployment of its terrestrial network.[[5]](#footnote-5) We seek comment on the *July 15, 2013 Presentation*, including its analyses, assessments, and its conclusions.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

These proceedings, with the exception of RM-11681, shall be treated as “permit-but-disclose” proceedings in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.[[6]](#footnote-6) Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceedings, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in these proceedings should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

Interested parties must file comments no later than **September 6, 2013**. Replies to such pleadings must be filed no later than **September 23,** **2013.** All filings concerning matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to **DA 13-1717, IB Docket Nos. 12-340, 11-109; IBFS File Nos. SAT-MOD 20120928-00160, -00161; SAT-MOD-20101118-00239; SES-MOD-20121001-00872; RM-11681; WT Docket No. 12-327** as well as the specific file numbers of the individual applications or other matters to which the filings pertain.

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1. Letter from John P. Janka, Counsel for LightSquared Subsidiary LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, IB Docket No. 12-340; IBFS File Nos. SAT-MOD-20120928-00160, -00161, SES-MOD-20121001-00872 (filed Jul. 15, 2013) (*July 15, 2013 Presentation*). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Id.* at 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *See generally id.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. LightSquared indicates that since early 2012, it has sought a path to resolve the GPS issue and create a new deployment plan in cooperation with government and military stakeholders. *Id.* at 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. LightSquared further indicates that it has engaged with government stakeholders to build use cases to properly evaluate the potential for conflict between its proposed modified operation and those of existing users in other bands. *Id.* at 20. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. All of the proceedings listed in the caption above, with the exception of RM-11681, were designated as “permit-but-disclose.” *See* *Federal Communications Commission Invites Comment on LightSquared Request to Modify its ATC Authorization*, IB Docket 12-340, Public Notice, DA 12-1863 (Int’l Bur., Nov. 16, 2012); *Wireless Communications Bureau Seeks Comment on Request by OP LLC for Extension or Waiver of the Construction Deadline Concerning its 1670-1675 MHz Band License*, WT Docket No. 12-237, DA 12-1776 (WTB, Nov. 5, 2012); *Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report*, IB Docket No. 11-109, DA 11-1133 (Int’l Bur., June 30, 2011); Report No. SAT-00738, *Public Notice* (Int’l. Bur., Nov. 19, 2010).RM-11681 is exempt from the Commission’s *ex parte* rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(b)(2). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)