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Ms. Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701
<https://psc.ga.gov/alternative-efile/>

Re: Starlink Services, LLC's ("Starlink") Request for Relinquishment of Certificates of Authority; Docket Nos. 43913 (X-7840); 43914 (L-7839); 43703 (7799)

Dear Ms. Tanner,

Starlink, having been granted designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") on June 7, 2021, was authorized to provide competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services by the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") on June 15, 2021 (the "Authorizations"). As discussed in its initial application, Starlink applied for the Authorizations as a requirement of its winning bids in the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF"). The scope of the Authorizations was limited to the specific census blocks in which Starlink was to receive RDOF support. As Starlink noted in its initial application, it had applied for these Authorizations solely in connection with RDOF.

Subsequently, the Wireless Communications Bureau ("Bureau") denied Starlink's RDOF "Long Form" application.¹ Starlink appealed this Bureau decision to the FCC,² and the FCC later affirmed the Bureau's decision.³ As a result, Starlink will not receive any RDOF support to provide service in Georgia. Starlink is deeply disappointed and perplexed by the FCC's decision to exclude the Starlink satellite broadband service from RDOF, a decision that directly undermines the very goal of RDOF: to connect unserved and underserved Americans.⁴

As a result of these changed circumstances, Starlink respectfully requests to relinquish the Authorizations. Authority for this request lies in 47 U.S.C. § 214 (e)(4), which permits an ETC to relinquish its authorization for an area served by another ETC, or where existing customers will continue to be served. There are no existing Starlink subscribers to consider in connection with Starlink's relinquishment of the Authorizations, thereby making customer notification

¹ See *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Auction Support for 80 Winning Bids Ready to Be Authorized, Bid Defaults Announced*, AU Docket No. 20-34 et al., Public Notice, DA 22-848, at 8-11 (WCB/OEA Aug. 10, 2022).

² See *Application for Review of Starlink Services, LLC*, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Sept. 9, 2022).

³ See *Order on Review*, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al. (rel. Dec. 12, 2023).

⁴ SpaceX's response to these FCC actions is available on the FCC's website. See Letter from Christopher Cardaci, Vice President, Legal, SpaceX, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, In re Long Form Application of Starlink Services, LLC, File No. 0009395128, WC Docket No. 19-126 (December 12, 2023), available at: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/121299238977/1>.

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unnecessary. Starlink respectfully requests expedited consideration of this request. Starlink further states that the unregulated Starlink-branded broadband service provided by Space Exploration Technologies Corp., a separate affiliate, remains available in Georgia and that this relinquishment will have no impact on those subscribers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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