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ViaSat Encouraged by FCC Chairman Remarks on Creating a Balanced Spectrum Sharing Approach for the Future of 5G and Next-Generation Satellite Broadband

CARLSBAD, Calif., June 23, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- [ViaSat Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VSAT), a global broadband services and technology company, is supportive of comments made earlier this week by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler in an address titled, "The Future of U.S. Leadership in a 5G World."

ViaSat is encouraged by Chairman Wheeler's recognition of the importance of spectrum sharing among terrestrial wireless and satellite users in a 5G environment. With the Chairman's emphasis on ensuring that 5G and other next-generation broadband services are available to all Americans, including those in urban and rural areas alike, ViaSat looks forward to continuing to play an important role in bringing faster internet and video streaming to both rural and metro households across the United States lacking sufficient internet connectivity.

"We are encouraged by the Chairman's emphasis on finding a balanced solution providing terrestrial wireless providers with access for new 5G services while protecting the continued access to this spectrum for next-generation high-speed satellite broadband services. This type of sharing would enable both to co-exist and play an important role in providing faster speed, higher quality internet and video streaming to consumers across the country," said Mark Dankberg, ViaSat chairman and CEO. "In addition to sharing spectrum, we are pleased the Commission will look at adding 5G spectrum access in additional bands - recognizing the future of 5G wireless will not be a 'one-size-fits-all' environment."

Chairman Wheeler's speech comes on the heels of the FCC's recent decision to allow all internet services, including ViaSat's satellite broadband service Exede®, to compete for universal service funds under the Connect America Fund (CAF) program. For more information, read ViaSat's May 27, 2016 release: [ViaSat Applauds FCC Action to Include New and Innovative Technologies to Compete for Connect America Fund: Gives Rise to New High-Speed Options for Consumers Nationwide.](#)

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