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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

CARLSBAD, Calif., May 27, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- [ViaSat Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VSAT), a global broadband services and technology company, is supportive of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) decision to make the Connect America Fund (CAF) reverse auction technology neutral and cost-effective by inviting new service providers to participate in the bidding process.

This week, the FCC made an important decision to make \$2B available over 10 years to subsidize broadband service availability for many U.S. households in the most remote and hardest-to-serve areas. The Commission took the first step in allowing non-telco service providers with different broadband technologies to compete for the funding. Allowing all technologies to compete through a competitive bidding process can potentially drive down the cost of the program to U.S. consumers. The CAF is focused on modernizing the universal service and intercarrier compensation systems to ensure robust, affordable voice and broadband service, both fixed and mobile, are available to Americans throughout the nation.

"We recognize and applaud Chairman Wheeler, the Commissioners and FCC staff for listening to various stakeholders and potential providers in the Connect America Fund proceeding, and taking an important first step toward expanding beyond legacy technologies and creating a technology neutral competition to provide the best available broadband access universally," said Mark Dankberg, ViaSat chairman and CEO. "ViaSat stands ready to participate in the proceeding and auction by offering future-ready satellite internet solutions that will help fill the broadband gap in the United States with a high-quality, high-performance broadband and voice service to the target households."

With the FCC's decision, all internet services, including ViaSat's satellite broadband service, Exede[®], are closer to competing for universal service funds on a level playing field. This will provide the best available high-speed internet access to U.S. households that have been traditionally in the most challenging to serve locations. ViaSat is looking forward to commenting on outstanding issues related to weighting criteria to be used to select competing bids, which will be critical to ensuring that all participating technologies actually compete fairly for funding to deliver the best possible service to everyone. With the addition of satellite broadband, more consumers will have the option for high-quality, high-speed internet access that enables streaming of HD movies and videos as well as music, loading webpages super-quick, video chatting, voice calling, software updates, emailing large files and more - from virtually anywhere in the United States. Today satellite broadband is available with download speeds up to 25 Megabits per second (Mbps), with even higher speeds to be offered in 2017 with the launch of the ViaSat-2 satellite.

About Exede Internet

Exede, a service of ViaSat, Inc., delivers high-speed internet to residential subscribers and businesses across the U.S. With download speeds of up to 25 Mbps, the Exede service has transformed satellite internet for households that previously had slow, inadequate internet service. ViaSat also offers Exede Voice residential telephone service over its network, optimized for quality and reliability. The Company offers Exede Business, which delivers a number of service plans to fit the varying needs of today's businesses.

About ViaSat's High-Capacity Satellite Platforms

Beginning with ViaSat-1, ViaSat started a transformation of satellite communications into a high-performance broadband service competitive with terrestrial alternatives. ViaSat-2, which is set to launch in Q1 CY2017, will provide another leap forward in broadband service quality for residential, mobile and enterprises by offering seven times the geographic coverage and twice the bandwidth of ViaSat-1. The Company also announced plans to launch the ViaSat-3 ultra-high capacity satellite platform - which is comprised of three ViaSat-3 class satellites with state-of-the-art ground network infrastructure. The first ViaSat-3 broadband communications platform is expected to focus on the Americas with plans to launch in 2019.

About ViaSat

ViaSat, Inc. (NASDAQ: [VSAT](#)) keeps the world connected. As a global broadband services and technology company, ViaSat ensures consumers, businesses, governments and military personnel have communications access - anywhere - whether on the ground or in-flight. The Company's innovations in designing highest-capacity satellites and secure ground infrastructure and terminal technologies coupled with its international network of managed Wi-Fi hotspots enable ViaSat to deliver a best available network that extends the reach and accessibility of broadband internet service,

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