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Captain Mark Bradley
Chairman
Performance Based Operations
Aviation Rulemaking Committee (PARC)
Delta Airlines
1030 Delta Boulevard
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Dear Captain Bradley:

This is a follow-up to my September 28, 2018 letter, where I laid out our plan to review and coordinate the PARC's recommendations with respect to Satellite Voice. After checking with relevant offices within the Federal Aviation Administration, we have planned two new activities to help determine our policy direction. The following activities will occur between now and May 2019 to support further evaluation of both of PARC's recommendations:

1. An operational evaluation using Inmarsat services, United Airlines B777 and B787 aircraft, and voice services of San Francisco Radio. This evaluation is intended to complement the JetBlue Airways West Atlantic Route System Operational Evaluation (Iridium) described in the Satellite Voice Project Report you sent in May 2018.
2. A Safety Risk Management Panel, to assess hazards associated with adopting the PARC's recommendations.

We will provide you with an update by the end of the second quarter of calendar year 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Steinbicker, Manager, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division at (202) 267-8790.

Sincerely,

Ali Bahrami
Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety