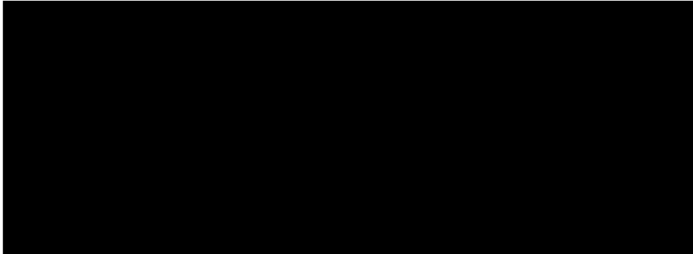
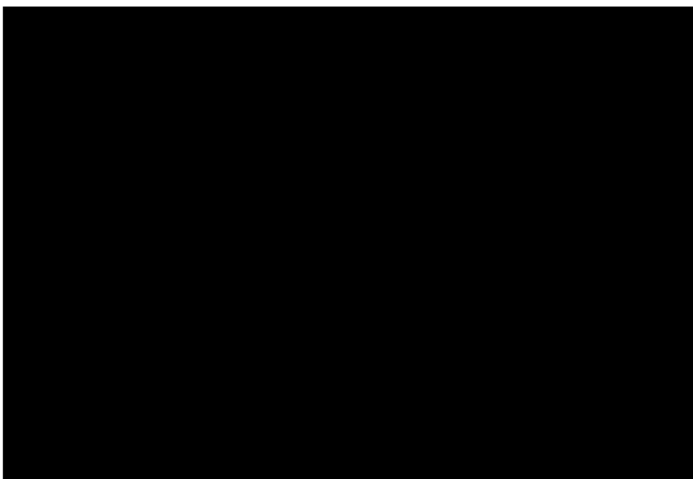
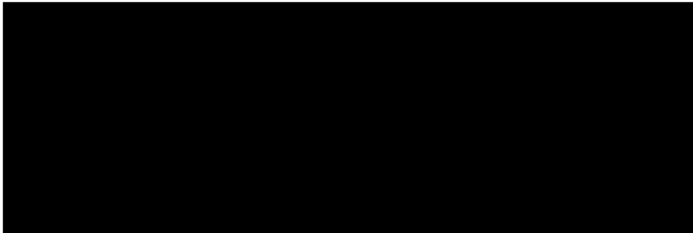
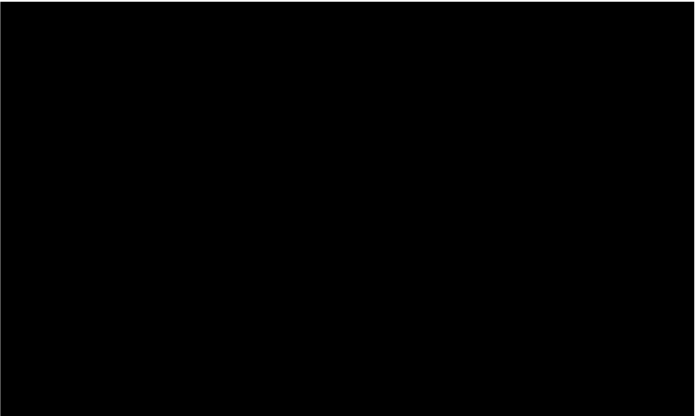


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Question 1: Do you anticipate this NGSO system will pose coexistence challenges to existing NGSO systems?	Confidential? – Y 
Question 2: Are the measures set out by the applicant to enable coexistence with future NGSO systems reasonable?	Confidential? – Y 
Question 3: Do you assess that the measures put forward will allow this NGSO system to coexist with other services?	Confidential? – Y 
Question 4 Do you believe the NGSO system in the application would benefit or harm future competition between NGSO services in the UK? Please provide details.	Confidential? – N <p>Rivada welcomes an open competitive market where customers and citizens can choose amongst a variety of satellite operators and satellite services. Amazon Kuiper’s application for an NGSO Earth Station Network (ESN) license is evidence that the demand for NGSO-connectivity in the UK is increasing.</p> <p>We note that Amazon Kuiper’s application is the third such application this year following NSLComm Ltd in January 2024 and Kepler Communications Inc in</p>

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	<p>March 2024, confirming the great interest in providing NGSO-based solutions to UK customers.</p> <p>Amazon Kuiper’s system intends to use Ka-Band frequencies available in the UK under the existing regulatory framework i.e. 27.5-27.8185 GHz, 28.4545-28.8265 GHz and 29.5-30 GH. Out of the current six holders of NGSO ESN licenses, four of them operate in the Ka-Band. This information paired with Amazon Kuiper’s application thus also showcases a particular demand for utilization of this part of the spectrum. While demand for this band is increasing, parts of the Ka-Band currently available for the use of satellite terminals communicating with NGSO systems are smaller than in the rest of Europe. To ensure effective operation of the increasing number of satellite systems, and seamless provision of capacity to customers in the same region, Rivada sees a great benefit in Ofcom making more of the Ka-Band available for the use by NGSO satellite operators. Ofcom has already successfully recognized the increasing demand for more spectrum to be made available for the use of land-based satellite user terminals and put the matter to public consultation with its ‘Increasing use of the 27.5 – 30 GHz band’ consultation. Rivada welcomes and strongly supports the transparency and trust shown by Ofcom to the public through that process.</p> <p>Based on the aforementioned information Rivada thus hopes Ofcom will take this application as proof of the need for more Ka-Band availability and include it as such in their deliberation process in the final decision.</p>
<p>Question 5: Do you have any additional concerns or comments regarding the application?</p>	<p>Confidential? – Y</p> 

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<p>Question 6: Do you agree with our assessment of the potential impact of our proposal on specific groups of persons?</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Yes, Rivada shares Ofcom's assessment that no "adverse impacts on persons sharing protected characteristics that mean they are likely to be affected in a different way to the general population" (Section 5, Paragraph</p>

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	5.2, p. 15) are to be expected when the service will be available in the entire territory of the UK.
Question 7: Do you agree with our assessment of the potential impact of our proposal on the Welsh language?	Confidential? – N Yes

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