

October 31, 2002

## **DELIVER VIA COURIER TO MELLON BANK**

James R. Burtle Federal Communications Commission Office of Engineering and Technology The Portals 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

Request of Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC

For Extension of Special Temporary Authority

File No. 0150-EX-ST-2002

Dear Mr. Burtle:

Pursuant to Section 5.61(b) of the Commission's Rules, Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV"), the U.S. licensee of a mobile satellite service ("MSS") system in the L-band, hereby requests a six-month extension of the above-captioned Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to test and demonstrate new types of mobile terminals ("MTs") that will operate with its licensed satellite, MSAT-2. While MSV currently holds blanket MT licenses, the technical parameters of the MTs tested and demonstrated pursuant to this STA are sufficiently different from those of MSV's current MT licenses as to require approval for an experimental STA. Specifically, these MTs operate with a wider bandwidth (up to 400 kHz) than MSV's currently licensed MTs. The above-captioned STA was granted on May 15, 2002, and is set to expire on November 15, 2002. As required by the Commission's Rules, this request as well an experimental license application are being filed prior to the expiration of the STA.

A copy of MSV's original STA request filed electronically in March 2002 is attached hereto. The technical parameters for this extension request will remain the same as those provided in the original STA request. The required filing fee of \$50 and an FCC Form 159 are enclosed with this request. MSV hereby certifies that no party to this application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §853(a).

Please direction any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned at (703) 390-2717.

Very truly yours,

Lon C. Levin

Vice President and Regulatory Counsel

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