

December 13, 2002

Via Electronic Filing

Mr. Doug Young
Experimental Licensing Branch
Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington DC 20554

RE: Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC
Reference Number: 2330
Call Sign WB9XQG
File No. 0150-EX-ST-2002 (Request for Experimental STA)
File No. 0411-EX-ST-2002 (Request for Extension of Experimental STA)
File No. 0277-EX-PL-2002 (Request for Experimental License)

Dear Mr. Young:

On November 20, 2002, you inquired as to the above-captioned request of Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV") for extension of an experimental special temporary authority ("STA") granted on May 15, 2002 to test and demonstrate mobile terminals ("MTs") at four locations that will operate with MSV's licensed L-band satellite, MSAT-2. You inquired as to the equipment approval status for these MTs and also noted in reference to MSV's above-captioned request for an experimental license that the Experimental Licensing Branch "does not routinely grant licenses for demonstration of unapproved equipment without explanation of where the project is headed in the long term and when the equipment will be approved for regular use."

As an initial matter, MSV notes that it has demonstrated and seeks to continue to demonstrate a limited number of MTs that are not authorized under MSV's existing Title III blanket MT licenses, thus requiring MSV to seek experimental authority to test and demonstrate these MTs. These demonstrations will take place at four locations, as specified in the above-captioned STA request.

MSV's application for an experimental STA was granted in May 2002. Preparation for the planned demonstrations took longer than expected. As a result, the initial demonstrations pursuant to this STA took place in late October 2002, a few weeks prior to expiration of the STA on November 15, 2002. Thus, MSV did not demonstrate these MTs during the majority of the six-month period of the STA and was unable to complete its intended demonstrations. MSV filed for an extension of this STA to enable continued demonstrations during the six months following expiration of the original STA. Regarding MSV's application for a two-year

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experimental license, Section 5.61 of the Commission's rules provides that an experimental STA will be extended only if "an application for a regular experimental license has been filed at least 15 days prior to the expiration of the licensee's temporary authority." 47 C.F.R. § 5.61. Thus, MSV filed for an experimental license in order to enable continued demonstrations pursuant to its original experimental STA.

Should these demonstrations prove successful and indicate consumer demand for these MTs, MSV will seek a modification of its Title III blanket MT license in order to obtain permanent authority to operate these MTs and will seek equipment certification, as needed.

Please contact the undersigned at (202) 663-8432 with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



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