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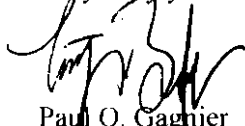
**Re: URGENT REQUEST TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF STA  
File No. 0030-EX-ST-2009**

Dear Mr. Burtle:

On January 22, 2009, SWE-DISH Satellite Communications, Inc. ("SWE-DISH") filed an application for special temporary authority to conduct tests of a Satcom-On-The-Move ("SOTM") terminal in the conventional Ku-band (14.0-14.5 GHz) (File No. 0030-EX-ST-2009). Pursuant to Section 5.61 of the FCC Rules<sup>1</sup>, SWE-DISH requests expedited preferential processing of the aforementioned application and permission to initiate the proposed tests not later than February 10, 2009. STA has been requested to conduct tests for several U.S. government agencies involved in national security matters, including the White House Communications Agency ("WHCA"), Joint Communications Support Element ("JCSE"), Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command ("SPAWAR"), Naval Air Systems Command ("NAVAIR"), and the Naval Surface Warfare Center ("NSWC"). STA must be obtained by February 10 to ensure that SWE-DISH can accommodate the testing schedule requested by these agencies. Any delay in grant of STA beyond February 10 may negatively affect the ability of these agencies to test and deploy communications technology critical to U.S. military and homeland security operations.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or SWE-DISH's request for STA, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-373-6592.

Very truly yours,



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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 5.61

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