Verizon Airfone, Inc. WD2XFH File No. 0056-EX-ML-2004

## Exhibit 1 Application for Modification

Verizon Airfone, Inc., requests modification of the license for station WD2XFH to permit the use of ground stations located within 550 miles of the United States – Canadian border. In its application for the experimental license issued under WD2XFH Verizon Airfone noted that if ground stations within 550 miles of the border with Canada were needed as part of the experimental work, it would seek further Commission authority. This modification application seeks authority to use such a ground station in the Chicago area. This application is supported by the attached letter from Bell Mobility, which operates the corresponding air-ground system in Canada. Verizon Airfone would coordinate with Bell Mobility's Skytel Division.

Grant of the requested authority will facilitate the ongoing testing of new broadband airground communications technology as Verizon Airfone seeks to advance the state of the art in terrestrially based public air-ground service. Accordingly, Verizon Airfone urges the Commission to modify the authorization for station WD2XFH in accordance with this application in order that ground stations within 550 miles of the United States – Canadian border may be utilized for the experimental work to conducted under the authorization.



July 29, 2004

Mr. Robert W. Combs Director of Technical Operations Verizon Airfone 2809 Butterfield Rd. Oak Brook, IL 60522-9000

Re: Experimental Broadband Operations - Station WD2XFH

Dear Mr. Combs:

You have explained to us that Verizon Airfone is about to file a request with the Federal Communications Commission to allow the operation of an experimental ground station in the Chicago area to test broadband technology and have asked for our concurrence. Provided that you coordinate the operation of the facility with Bell Mobility's Skytel Division, we are pleased to concur with your request.

As you know, Bell Mobility operates the air-ground stations in Canada in cooperation with Verizon Airfone's operations in the United States. Please feel free to provide a copy of this letter to the FCC in support of your request.

We have advised our Industry Canada contact of our favorable position in regards to your request.

Should your FCC counterparts need to refer to Industry Canada, please refer to:

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Sincerely,

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