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Federal Communications Commission
Experimental Radio Branch
P.O. Box 358320
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5315

Attn: Carl Huie
Office of Engineering and Technology

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
for Experimental Radio Station License WA2XGG

Dear Mr. Caton:

COMSAT Mobile Communications herein requests a grant of special temporary authority for a new mobile radio station license beginning November 1, 1996 and extending until April 1, 1997 to operate two (2) land-based INMARSAT ship earth station(s) from temporary-fixed locations in the United States. In support of this request, COMSAT Mobile Communications submits the following information:

1: Applicant's Name and Address:

COMSAT Mobile Communications
22300 Comsat Drive
Clarksburg, MD 20871

2: Name and Address of the Person for inquiries regarding this request:

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3: Particulars of Operation:

Frequency	Power	Modulating Signal	Necessary Bandwidth
1626.5 - 1646.5 KHz	500W Peak	B2D	100 KHz

4: Geographical locations of the proposed operation:
Various locations within the continental United States as needed to verify correct operation of COMSAT Mobile Communications Inmarsat services.

5: Antenna Type: Directional X Non-Directional Width of
beam in degrees at the half-power point: 15
Orientation: Horizontal variable Vertical plane variable

6: Transmitting equipment to be installed:

Manufacturer	Type	Number
ABB Nera	Saturn BP	2

COMSAT Mobile Communications, a U.S. corporation organized under the laws of the state of Maryland, affirmatively states that it does not in any manner act as a representative of a foreign government or a subdivision thereof nor would the authorization sought herein be used for the exclusive purpose of developing radio equipment for export that would come under the jurisdiction of a foreign government. The applicant has never had any FCC station license revoked or any application for permit, license, or renewal ever denied by the Commission.

COMSAT Mobile Communications further states that grant of this request would not have a significant environmental impact and, thus, does not require an Environmental Statement under Section 1.1307 of the Commission's Rules. Unless otherwise indicated in an attachment to this request, the authorization sought herein will not be sought for fulfilling the requirements of a government contract with an agency of the United States Government.

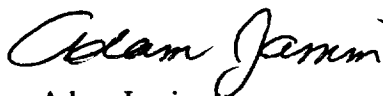
In addition, COMSAT Mobile Communications further certifies that neither the applicant, nor any other party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853a.

15 ← This temporary license is sought by COMSAT Mobile Communications, to operate two (2) ~~Inmarsat-M~~ terminal(s) from temporary-fixed locations in the United States to provide testing services. Simultaneous to this request, COMSAT has submitted to the Common Carrier Bureau a request for special temporary authority to provide satellite communications services to the subject terminal(s) via the INMARSAT system for the purposes stated herein.

Accordingly, COMSAT Mobile Communications respectfully submits that the public interest would be served by the operation of the subject terminal for the aforementioned purposes and, thus, requests that the Commission grant the instant request for temporary authority.

The requisite filing fee of \$45 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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