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January 24, 1997

William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Equipment Approval Services
P.O. Box 358320
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251-5320

Re: Application To Modify License
Call Sign KI2XEE
Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc.
A&H #1300.13

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith, in triplicate, on behalf of Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc. ("MTN") is an Application For Modified Radio Station Authorization (FCC Form 442) being filed in connection with the Digital Shipboard Earth Station ("DSES") terminals currently operating under Call Sign KI2XEE.

MTN's existing license expires on February 1, 1997. Upon advice of the staff of the Office of Engineering and Technology ("OET"), the instant Application is being tendered in lieu of an Application for Renewal of License (FCC Form 405). Staff has advised that the requested modification, if granted, will issue for a new term commencing on February 1, 1997. Accordingly, this modification application effectively serves as a renewal request for the existing MTN license, subject to the modifications being proposed in the Application.

MTN has been further advised by OET staff that: 1) it considers any application for succeeding authority filed prior to the expiration date of an existing authorization to be timely filed; and, 2) the existing MTN experimental license (Call Sign KI2XEE) will have continuing effect beyond the date of its current expiration, pursuant to Section 1.62 of the Commission's rules.

William F. Caton
Federal Communications Commission

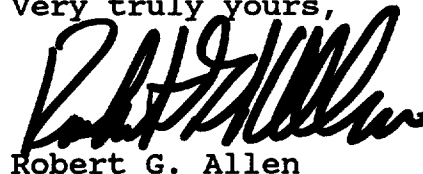
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Attached hereto is a fee filing check in the amount of \$45.00 (Fee Filing Code: EAE) to cover the requisite filing fee for the Application.

Also attached is the transmittal letter associated with an Amendment to a Request For Special Temporary Authority being filed today by MTN before the International Bureau. This is being furnished to OET at the request of staff.

If there are any questions with respect to this matter, please address them to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Allen", written over a horizontal line.

Robert G. Allen

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Attachment