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DELIVER VIA COURIER TO MELLON BANK

James R. Burtle, Chief
Experimental Licensing Branch
Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington DC 20554

**Re: Motient Services Inc.
Call Sign WB9XKA
File No. 0462-EX-ST-2000
Request for Extension of Experimental Special Temporary Authorization**

Dear Mr. Burtle:

Pursuant to Section 5.61(b) of the Commission's Rules, Motient Services Inc. ("Motient") hereby requests an extension of the above-captioned experimental Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to conduct tests using an antenna transmitting and receiving on frequencies in the L-band (1530.0 – 1559.0 MHz; 1631.5 - 1660.5 MHz).

The above-captioned STA is set to expire on April 4, 2001. As required by the Commission's Rules, this request, as well as an experimental license application, is being filed 15 days prior to the expiration of this STA. The experimental license application is being filed today under separate cover.

A copy of the Commission's grant of Motient's experimental STA effective October 4, 2000 is attached hereto.

The required filing fee of \$50.00 for this experimental STA request and the FCC Form 159 are enclosed with this request. Motient hereby certifies that no 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. § 853(a).

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Lon C. Levin

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