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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.
Request for Experimental Special Temporary Authorization
Section 0.459 Request for Confidential Treatment**

Dear Mr. Burtle:

Motient Services Inc. ("Motient"), pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Commission's Rules, hereby files this request for a 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 testing will take place at Motient's headquarters at 10802 Parkridge Boulevard, Reston, VA. The proposed testing will last for no longer than six months.

Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, Motient hereby requests confidential treatment for the enclosed STA request and the associated exhibits. 47 C.F.R § 0.459. The basis for the confidentiality request is included in Exhibit A to the attached STA request.

The required filing fee of \$50.00 for this experimental STA request, \$50.00 for the request for confidential treatment, 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,

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