

March 18, 2001

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Mellon Bank
Mellon Client Service Center
500 Ross Street
Room 670
Pittsburgh, PA 15262-0001
Attn: Wholesale Lockbox Shift Supervisor

Re: FCC ELS Form 442 File No. 0046-EX-PL-2002
Form 442 Confirmation Number Unknown at this time
Experimental Application for Transportable VSAT Network

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of Pallotta Teamworks, we hereby submit two copies of an experimental application for a transportable VSAT network, which was filed electronically with the Commission today. Pallotta Teamworks respectfully requests **expedited processing** of this application for experimental authority.

As noted in the application, Pallotta Teamworks proposes to operate transportable Ku-band VSAT earth stations to provide communications services primarily for fund raising events to benefit AIDS and breast cancer research or other reasons. The use of transportable Ku-band earth stations in VSAT configuration for mobile events presents an important area of research and experimentation that will afford substantial public benefits if demonstrated to be viable. Recent events have shown that terrestrial communications networks are vulnerable to disasters and other unexpected occurrences. The deployment of transportable VSAT terminals on an as-needed basis would permit uninterrupted communications service in the event of an outage at commercial installations. For these reasons, Pallotta Teamworks believes there is an urgent need demonstrate this equipment in order to explore its utility and commercial viability, and requests that the Commission grant this application as soon as possible.

As required by the Office of Engineering & Technology's fee filing guide, we enclose a Form 159 and a check in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the appropriate FCC filing fee.

If any questions should arise concerning this application, kindly communicate with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Granrud
Counsel for Pollatta Teamworks