## APPENDIX 9

## **USCG RTCM Testing approval letter.**

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Mr. John Flood ACR Electronics, Inc. 5757 Ravenswood Rd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

Dear Mr. Flood:

We have completed a review of the materials provided for the ACR PLB-100 Personal satellite Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon. Based on the information provided and the tests carried out, and in accordance with 47 CFR 80.1061(c)(2), we conclude that the PLB-100 meets the relevant requirements of the RTCM recommended standards for 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacons (version 2.0, RTCM paper 5-97/SC-110-STD).

This device meets the requirements for a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), but PLBs are not yet approved for general use. However, we support type acceptance as a special category of satellite EPIRB. Type acceptance of this unit as a special category of satellite EPIRB would limit its use to marine service, where we believe it could serve a valuable search and rescue function. It would be acceptable for voluntary use only, and would not fulfill any requirement for carriage of a Category 1 or 2 satellite EPIRB.

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