



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Request for Limited Waiver to Permit Certification of Industrial Boosters for Marketing to Commercial Users

Dear Ms. Jeffreys:

Pursuant to section 1.925 of the Commission's rules, we hereby grant Corning MobileAccess (CMA), a limited waiver of the prohibition in paragraph 133 of the *Signal Boosters Report and Order*,<sup>1</sup> to permit action on CMA's certification application for 3,000 units of Industrial Signal Booster, Part numbers RAU-C85P19L70A17, RAU-R-C85P19L70A17-M, RAU-G-C85P19L70A17-E, and RAU-R-G-C85P19L70A17-ME (FCC ID No. OJF1C85P19L70A17) (collectively "CMA ONE Wireless Platform").

In order to promote a rapid transition to signal boosters that meet the new rules adopted in the *Signal Boosters Report and Order*, the Commission determined that as of the release date of the *Report and Order*, it would no longer act on applications for equipment certification that did not comply with the new rules.<sup>2</sup> Among its new rules, the Commission required Industrial Signal Boosters to be labeled to ensure that such devices were operated only by licensees or with licensee consent and to avoid purchase and misuse by consumers.<sup>3</sup> The labeling requirement will not become effective, however, until approved by the Office of Management and Budget several months from now.

CMA seeks equipment certification for 3,000 units of the CMA ONE Wireless Platform, which it describes as a neutral hub distributed antenna system (DAS).<sup>4</sup> CMA states that it will provide and install this equipment for enterprise customers, *e.g.*, hospitals, hotels, and other large venues, which will enable wireless providers to connect directly to the DAS and deploy advanced wireless service in these large venues.<sup>5</sup> CMA states that after installation, the equipment will be operated, supervised, and controlled by the wireless providers connecting to the DAS.<sup>6</sup> CMA states that during the pendency of the waiver, the

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<sup>1</sup> Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters, 28 FCC Rcd 1663, 1709-1710, ¶ 133 (2013) (*Signal Boosters Report and Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1702, ¶ 110.

<sup>4</sup> CMA Waiver Request at 2.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

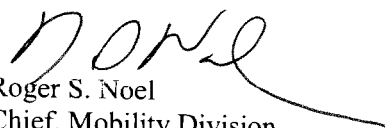
CMA ONE Wireless Platform will be sold only to “large venues for connection directly by wireless carriers” and at no point in the distribution chain from CMA to such enterprise customers will the devices be available for purchase directly by consumers.<sup>7</sup>

We find that the underlying purpose of section 20.21(f) of the Commission’s rules and paragraph 133 of the *Signal Boosters Report and Order* would not be served by application here. By limiting sale of the CMA ONE Wireless Platform to enterprise customers with large venues for direct connection by wireless providers who will operate, supervise and control the devices, the underlying purpose of the labeling requirement in section 20.21(f) is met. Consumers will not have access to unlabeled equipment. Further, we find that a waiver under these circumstances is in the public interest because the CMA ONE Wireless Platform will facilitate the deployment of advanced wireless services. However, absent a waiver such boosters would not be available because CMA is unable to comply with the labeling rule because the rule has yet to take effect. Accordingly, we grant a limited waiver of the prohibition in paragraph 133 of the *Signal Boosters Report and Order* to permit acceptance and action on the equipment certification application for the CMA ONE Wireless Platform under our existing rules. CMA need not comply with section 20.21(f) of the Commission’s rules because this rule is not yet effective. However, we condition the waiver in the following respects: the 3,000 units of the CMA ONE Wireless Platform (1) may only be sold to enterprise customers for use in large venues, *i.e.*, these devices may not be offered or sold to members of the general public; (2) must be installed by or on behalf of such enterprise customers; and (3) must be operated under the control of one or more licensed wireless providers. We grant the requested waiver to the extent provided herein.

We note that to the extent CMA wishes to market the CMA ONE Wireless Platform beyond the scope of this waiver or 90 days after the signal booster rules become effective (whichever occurs first), CMA may submit a permissive change application for the devices which would include label information and certify that the devices comply with the new signal booster rules, *i.e.*, they comply with the new labeling rule.

Action taken pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.331, 1.3, 1.925.

Sincerely,



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<sup>7</sup> *Id.*