

LEXSEE 11 FCC Rcd 2913

In the Matter of IDB MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Application for authority to provide INMARSAT Standard A mobile satellite services via the INMARSAT System in the Indian Ocean Region; Application for authority to provide INMARSAT Standard B and Standard M mobile satellite services via the INMARSAT System in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Ocean Regions.

File No. I-T-C-95-565; File No. I-T-C-95-569

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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ACTION: *1 ORDER, AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATE

JUDGES:

By the Chief, Telecommunications Division

OPINIONBY:
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OPINION:

1. The Commission is considering two applications, filed by IDB Mobile Communications, Inc. (IDB), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requesting authority to provide services via the INMARSAT System. The applications were placed on public notice on October 17, and 20, 1995, respectively. No comments were received.

2. The first application requests authority to provide INMARSAT Standard A mobile satellite services in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), in the ship to shore and shore to ship directions, by means of a land earth station (LES) operated by COMSAT in Anatolia, Turkey, for provision of maritime mobile satellite service (MMSS) and land mobile satellite service (LMSS).

3. The second application requests additional authority to provide INMARSAT Standard B and Standard M mobile satellite services in the Atlantic (AOR-E and AOR-W), Pacific (POR) and Indian Ocean Regions via the INMARSAT System. Specifically, authority is requested to provide these services in the shore to ship direction in the AOR-E and AOR-W by means of a LES operated by COMSAT in Southbury, *2 Connecticut, in the shore to ship direction in the POR by means of a LES operated by COMSAT in Santa Paula, California, in the ship to shore direction in the POR by means of a LES operated by Telstra in Perth, Australia, and in the ship to shore and shore to ship directions in the IOR by means of a LES operated by Telstra in Perth, Australia. IDB seeks to provide both MMSS and LMSS via these routes. IDB has been granted authority to provide INMARSAT Standard B and Standard M services in these regions by means of other LESs. n1 In that order, released August 20, 1993, the Commission discussed in detail the conditions for providing LMSS. Those conditions will be incorporated

by reference herein.

n1 9 FCC Rcd 5616 (1993), File No. 1-T-C-93-188.

4. Upon consideration of the above-captioned uncontested applications, we find that the public convenience and necessity require a grant thereof.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that applications File Nos. I-T-C-95-565 and I-T-C-95-569 ARE GRANTED, and IDB is authorized to:

a. provide INMARSAT Standard A mobile satellite services in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), in the ship to shore and shore to ship directions, *3 by means of a land earth station (LES) operated by COMSAT in Anatolia, Turkey, for provision of maritime mobile satellite service (MMSS) and land mobile satellite service (LMSS).

b. provide INMARSAT Standard B and Standard M mobile satellite services in the Atlantic (AOR-E and AOR-W), Pacific (POR) and Indian Ocean Regions via the INMARSAT System in the shore to ship direction in the AOR-E and AOR-W by means of a LES operated by COMSAT in Southbury, Connecticut, in the shore to ship direction in the POR by means of a LES operated by COMSAT in Santa Paula, California, in the ship to shore direction in the POR by means of a LES operated by Telstra in Perth, Australia, and in the ship to shore and shore to ship directions in the IOR by means of a LES operated by Telstra in Perth, Australia, for provision of MMSS and LMSS.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all terms and conditions set forth in the Commission's Memorandum Opinion, Order and Authorization released August 20, 1993, n2 in relation to the technical parameters of providing LMSS remain in force and shall apply to the authority granted herein to provide LMSS, except IDB is additionally authorized to provide INMARSAT Standard *4 B and Standard M service in the shore to ship direction in the AOR or POR, so long as it uses the Comsat earth stations.

n2 Id.

7. This order is issued under Section 0.261 of the Commission's Rules and is effective upon adoption. Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's Rules may be filed within 30 days of public notice of this order (see Section 1.4(b)(2)).

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