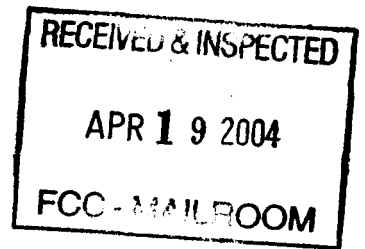


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Re: Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC
File No. SAT-MOD-20031118-00333 (ATC application)
File No. SAT-AMD-20031118-00332 (ATC application)
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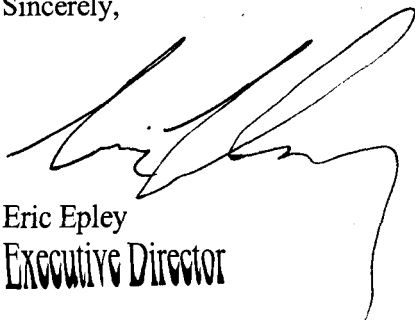
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 18, 2003, Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV") filed an application to operate terrestrial base stations to supplement its satellite service. The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) asks the Commission to take action on this application as soon as possible to ensure that public safety organizations can benefit from the more ubiquitous coverage and improved service MSV's system will provide.

The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma coordinates medical emergency response in our region. Our region covers 22 urban, rural and frontier counties, over 26,000 square miles, and no consistent or reliable terrestrial radio system. We make use of MSV's Dispatch Radio and Satellite Telephone Services, both to communicate among our own staff, but also to span agency and geographic boundaries to communicate with the Texas Forest service, Texas Task Force 1 USAR, and other public safety agencies that also use MSV's services. In both day to day operations and especially in times of disaster, MSV's radio service is literally our only reliable link across this vast area to save lives and property.

We understand that the technical issues raised in MSV's application have been fully briefed for several months. We therefore urge you to act as soon as possible on this application.

Sincerely,



Eric Epley
Executive Director