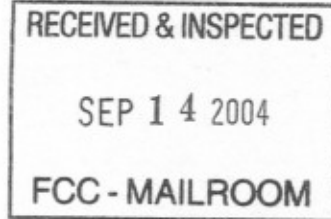


September 10, 2004

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554



Re: ContactMEO Communications, LLC; File No. SAT-AMD-20040322-0057

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Policy Branch
International Bureau

Dear Chairman Powell:

TelAlaska Inc., a well-established Alaskan-owned family of companies serving more than 25 Alaska communities, vigorously supports the application of contactMEO Communications, LLC for authority to establish and operate an advanced Ka-band satellite network as outlined in File. No. SAT-AMD-20040322-0057.

Our companies, which include Mukluk and Interior Telephone for local service and NetWorks for advance service, have been challenged for more than a decade to bring the education, safety, economic, and lifestyle benefits of affordable broadband to remote rural Alaska. We believe that approval of this application could be a milestone in resolving the impossible economic barrier to providing our customers with the foundation for realizing the great promise of broadband service. Companies like ours could build a business case for providing service in small remote communities without depending solely on public funding.

We have experience and a relationship of trust and confidence with contactMEO Communications and David Drucker. His company is providing broadcast facilities and Internet access services to TelAlaska in such remote locations as Dutch Harbor, King Cove, and Sand Point on Alaska's Aleutian Chain. He has proven an ability to serve our market and to do so with absolute commitment and determination. Based upon our experience with this company, TelAlaska is prepared to subscribe to contactMEO's Ka-band services to augment our existing distributions networks.

ContactMEO's current program is the most promising we have seen and we believe the time has long passed to move forward if Alaska's needs are to be met, and its great potential realized for the benefit of Alaskans, our state, and the nation.

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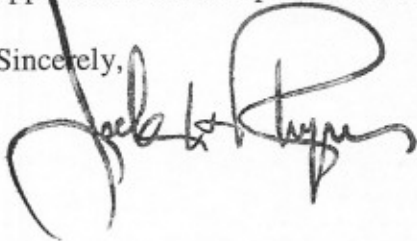
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We are strongly supportive of this application and encouraged that there may be a means for us to economically and technically serve the needs of remote rural communities, especially those where no service is now available.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 254(b)3, guarantees remote high cost areas of America the same access to the Internet highway as other Americans who literally have access to the road via a road system. We urge you to grant Contact MEO's application on an expeditious basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Rhyner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and "R".

Jack Rhyner, President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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Commissioner Kevin J. Marin
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