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Satellite Policy Branch
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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Motient Services Inc. and Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC Application for Assignment of Licenses and For Authority to Launch and Operate a Next-Generation Mobile Satellite Service System: Lead File No. SAT-ASG-20010302-00017

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Please accept this letter as notification that the EmTRAC Project of the American Red Cross, pursuant to Public notice dated March 19, 2001, supports the above-captioned application of Motient Services Inc. ("Motient") and Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV Sub") filed on March 2, 2001.

Motient's current satellite communications services address the communications logistics needs of emergency management agencies. In times of national natural disasters, American Red Cross is called into action and requires a system that is dependable under all conditions. Motient's service offers reliable emergency response communication even when landline and cellular service is out and power lines are down.

Fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods can occur virtually anywhere in the United States and we are called upon to respond. When outages occur, Motient offers seamless coverage. Furthermore, by implementing multiple service and terminal applications, rapid deployment is achieved when an emergency occurs.

American Red Cross agrees with Motient and Mobile Satellite Ventures that the new system, as outlined in the application, will have tremendous benefit and would continue to improve communications in rural and remote communities.

For these reasons, we believe that you should grant the above-captioned application.

Very truly yours,

Allison Vaccaro
EmTRAC Project Coordinator