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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Motient Services, Inc.)
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and)
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Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC)
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Application for Assignment of Licenses and)
For Authority to Launch and Operate a)
Next-Generation Mobile Satellite Service)
System)

File No. SAT-ASG-20010302-00017

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Inmarsat Ventures plc (“Inmarsat”), by counsel and pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission’s rules, hereby requests an extension of time in which to submit responsive comments in the above-captioned proceeding. The current deadline for filing responses in this proceeding is May 14, 2001.¹ Inmarsat requests that the Commission grant an extension of one week and set a new deadline for submission of responses of May 21, 2001.

Inmarsat filed a Partial Petition to Deny the above-captioned application on April 18, 2001. Comments and petitions to deny were filed by numerous other parties as well. On May 7, 2001, Motient Services, Inc., and Mobile Satellite Ventures, Subsidiary, LLC (collectively, “Motient”), together with TMI Communications and Company, Limited Partnership (“TMI”), filed a Consolidated Opposition to Petitions to Deny and Reply to

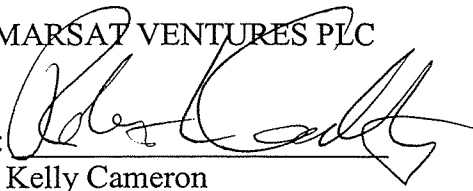
¹ The current deadline was established pursuant to a Motion for Extension of Time filed by Motient Services, Inc., and Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary, LLC, on April 25, 2001.

Comments (“Consolidated Opposition”). In their Consolidated Opposition, Motient and TMI offer extensive technical arguments in response to Inmarsat’s concerns that Motient’s proposed terrestrial operations will cause co-channel and adjacent channel interference to other L-Band MSS operators.

Inmarsat now seeks an extension in order to enable it to prepare a pleading fully responsive to the technical arguments raised in the Consolidated Opposition of Motient and TMI. Grant of this request will serve the public interest by ensuring that the Commission will have the most complete and well-developed record possible on which to decide this matter.

Counsel for Inmarsat has notified all of the parties to this proceeding regarding this request, as well as Commission staff. Of those parties counsel for Inmarsat was able to contact directly, none have objected to the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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