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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 FEMA and South Florida Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force Sponsored by the City of Miami, 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, the FEMA US&R Program sponsored by the City of Miami 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.

Fire, 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.

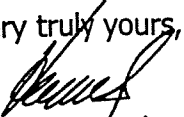
Motient's satellite dispatch service allows people at a central command to communicate with one person, a specific team, or the entire organization in the field at one time. Regardless of location in the United States, we can communicate with the push of one button from one dispatch center. Motient also provided console integration into our existing dispatch system to enhance its interagency communication.

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The US&R Program and the City of Miami 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,


Virgil Fernandez
Fire Marshall

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