

Exhibit A
SkyWave Mobile Communications, Corp.
FCC Form 312 – Amendment to Application for License of New Mobile Earth Terminals
Question 43 – Description

By this amendment, SkyWave Mobile Communications, Corp. (“SkyWave”) seeks to amend its existing application for a blanket license for 100,000 mobile earth station terminals (“METs”) to clarify that SkyWave is not requesting authority to operate in the 1544-1545 MHz and 1645.5-1646.5 MHz bands, which are reserved for safety and distress communications services.

SkyWave’s original application requested operating authority in the 1525-1559 MHz and 1626.5-1660.5 MHz bands, understanding that the METs would not operate specifically in the 1544-1545 MHz and 1645.5-1646.5 MHz bands, which are reserved for safety and distress communications, services that SkyWave does not propose to offer with the new METs. After consultation with the National Telecommunications Information Administration, the Commission has asked SkyWave to submit this amendment to clarify that SkyWave is not requesting authority to operate in the 1544-1545 MHz and 1645.5-1646.5 MHz bands.

Under FCC rules, only major amendments to applications are subject to the public notice requirements.¹ Because the current amendment does not “increase the potential for interference,” have any environmental implications, or otherwise change any of the proposed technical parameters of the METs or their operation,² the amendment is not a major amendment

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.116(b) (deeming as “major” those amendments that “increase[] the potential for interference, or change[] the proposed frequencies or orbital locations to be used,” “convert the proposal into an action that may have a significant environmental effect,” or are otherwise considered “substantial” by the FCC).

² See *id.*

subject to the public notice requirement. None of the technical information necessary for a potential party's assessment of SkyWave's application has changed. The public interest is therefore best served by amending the original application as requested herein and moving on the application upon expiration of the comment period established by the publication of the original license application.