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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20054

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Attn: Sylvia Tram Tu Lam
Systems Analysis Branch
Satellite Division
International Bureau

**Re: Maritime Telecommunications Networks, Inc.
Application to Operate a VSAT Network
File No. SES-IIC-20011130-02259
Call Sign E010332**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to you on behalf of Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc. ("MTN"), an applicant in the referenced proceeding. The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information requested by Commission staff concerning the intended areas of operation of the Ku-band earth stations on vessels that are the subject of this application.

MTN will operate Ku-band earth stations only on vessels that are larger than 300 gross tons, which by design can only operate in oceans and other very large bodies of water and in deep ports. More specifically, MTN intends to operate these earth stations on board vessels in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico and in ports along the U.S. coastal waterways. MTN also expects that there will be future requirements for operation in very large rivers such as the Mississippi and large bodies of inland waterways such as the Great Lakes. If MTN, however, were ever to operate in any other areas, including any areas within 100 km of Guam and/or White Sands, New Mexico using the band 14.0 – 14.05 MHz, MTN commits first to coordinate such uses with NTIA and the Commission.

I hope this statement regarding MTN's expected areas of operation will allow the Commission expeditiously to complete the processing of MTN's application for permanent authority, as well as to grant the pending request for renewal of Special Temporary Authority. Please call or write to me if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Respectfully yours,


Raul R. Rodriguez

cc: Bill Howden
Kathryn Hosford