



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Telecommunications and**  
**Information Administration**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Robert G. Nelson  
Chief, Satellite Division  
International Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: Application of Amtech Call Sign E990316 SES --MOD-20060614-01011

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This letter is in response to your request for clearance of a modification of Amtech existing authorization for 30,000 half-duplex Mobile Earth Terminals that operate with the MSV system. The request involves continuing a waiver of certain parts of the priority and preemption rules for some of the Amtech terminals.

Amtech's application refers to efforts by Amtech to continue to reduce the maximum preemption time for the half-duplex terminals. In light of these continuing efforts, NTIA can concur with the grant of the application to extend the authorization until July 2010 but not beyond the AMSC-1 satellite end-of-life if it occurs before July 2010. Amtech should also be allowed to continue to its use of the MSAT-1 satellite under the same conditions. We concur in granting Amtech's STA request as necessary to continue its operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Vorhies".

James Vorhies  
Chief, International Spectrum Plans  
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