

Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc. ("MTN"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission's rules and Mobile Satellite-Based Communications Services by Crescomm Transmission Services, Inc. and Qualcomm Incorporated, Order, 11 FCC Rcd 10944 (IB and OET 1996), hereby submits an original and two copies of its Request for Renewal of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate Ku-band satellite earth stations aboard vessels ("ESVs").

On July 18, 2001, the Commission granted STA authority to MTN to operate from July 20, 2001 to September 20, 2001. The Commission has subsequently extended the STA on six occasions, most recently for a term ending on December 16, 2003. By this letter application, MTN respectfully requests extension of its STA for an additional 180 days commencing on December 17, 2003 and ending on June 14, 2004.

MTN specifically requests authority for the following:

- Operation of up to ten ESVs using stabilized 1.2 meter antennas on U.S.-flagged ships; and
- Operation in the 12/14 GHz band with conforming antennas on a non-interference basis for all operations at any location on water, including when stationary at piers.

MTN's application for permanent authority for use of the 12/14 GHz band is currently pending. See FCC File No. SES-LIC-20011130-02259; Call Sign E010332. Grant of the instant request will serve the public interest by permitting MTN to continue to make available its service while the Commission processes the application for permanent authority. MTN remains committed to offer its service in a manner consistent with the operations described in the November 22, 2002 letter from MTN to the FCC, addressed to the attention of Sylvia Tram Tu Lam, which is a part of the above-referenced file for permanent 12/14 GHz band authority.



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Attached hereto is FCC Form 159, together with a check in the amount of \$150.00 for the required filing fee. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT

On behalf of Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc., I hereby certify that the statements in the foregoing Request for Renewal of Special Temporary Authority are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith.

In addition, in accordance with Section 1.2001-1.2003 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003, I hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. See 21 U.S.C. § 862.

MARITIME TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.

By:

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Date: December 9, 2003