

October 8, 2004

Scott Kotler, Chief
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Satellite Division
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Exxon Communications Company
Fixed Satellite Service
Earth Station E000001
Notification of Minor Amendment
IBFS File No. SES-MOD-20040921-01402
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Dear Mr. Kotler:

Exxon Communications Company (“Exxon Communications”), pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”), respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) while its underlying application for a Minor Amendment to its regular authority is pending before the Commission (SES-MOD-20040921-01402). Exxon Communications seeks STA to change its Point of Communication from AMC-9 to AMC-3; no technical changes are requested.

Exxon Communications is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ExxonMobil Corporation (“ExxonMobil”). ExxonMobil is an integrated petroleum company engaged in the exploration and production of oil, and the manufacturing and marketing of fuels, lubes and chemicals.

Exxon Communications’ satellite earth station E000001 provides transmit/receive data and voice transmission from the on-shore ExxonMobil facilities in New Orleans, Louisiana to ExxonMobil’s Hoover Diana Platform in the Gulf of Mexico. These satellite communications provide the ideal type of communication circuits required to provide the high quality communications network necessary to serve ExxonMobil’s oil exploration and production operations in the Gulf.

Earth station E000001 is currently authorized to communicate with AMC-9. Exxon Communications’ vendor is relocating its satellite from AMC-9 to a new orbital slot. Exxon Communications has determined it will obtain service from a new satellite vendor – SkyPort. The earth station onboard the offshore platform will now communicate with AMC-3. Accordingly, Exxon Communications submitted the above-captioned Notification of Minor Amendment to the FCC via the International Bureau Filing System on September 21, 2004 to reflect the change to the Point of Communication.