

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd.) SES-STA-20061019-01868 (Call Sign E060179)

REPLY COMMENTS

By its attorney, and pursuant to Section 1.45 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.45, Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd. ("T&T Airtime") hereby submits its Reply to the Comments of Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV") in the above-captioned matter (the "Comments"). For the reasons set forth above, MSV's contentions have no merit and should be rejected.

In its Comments MSV does not oppose renewal of T&T Airtime's special temporary authority ("STA") to provide Broadband Global Area Network ("BGAN") service over the Inmarsat-4 spacecraft. Rather, MSV urges the International Bureau (the "Bureau") to modify the conditions applicable to T&T Airtime's STA, to establish a firm expiration date for the STA of November 30, 2006, and to provide that no further extensions will be granted. In support of its pleading, MSV attaches its pending Petition for Clarification, which seeks modification of all current BGAN STAs, and its Reply to the Joint Opposition to that Petition.

Other, similarly situated parties have already responded to the arguments which MSV reiterates in its instant Comments and, in the interest of conserving the Commission's scarce resources, Thrane & Thrane Airtime hereby incorporates those prior submissions by reference.¹ Thrane & Thrane Airtime simply wishes to add that, since the grant of its initial STA, it has complied with all the standard conditions attached thereto, and MSV has failed to demonstrate in

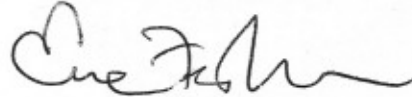
¹ See Joint Opposition, File Nos. SES-STA-20060310-00419 *et al.*, filed June 19, 2006, and Joint Reply, File Nos. SES-STA-20060906-01674 *et al.*, filed September 20, 2006.

any way that these conditions are inadequate to address the potential for harmful interference which MSV has described.

T&T Airtime also urges the Bureau to summarily reject MSV's request that T&T Airtime's STA should not be extended beyond November 30, 2006, the date marking the official end of the hurricane season. Contrary to MSV's claim, T&T Airtime has never stated that the hurricane season was the sole extraordinary circumstance justifying continued special temporary authority. Rather, hurricanes were cited as an illustration of the types of natural and other disasters for which BGAN service is a powerful tool to support emergency preparedness and recovery. As T&T noted in its application, moreover, "BGAN is needed as soon as possible by the U.S. military and the public safety community, which is seeking improved data speeds in the event of a large-scale natural disaster or terrorist attack." Grant of special temporary authority, T&T Airtime stated, would "allow government 'First Responders' and private industry users time to obtain and deploy BGAN terminals and familiarize themselves with those terminals, as well as the BGAN services and features, so that BGAN can have immediate impact on any advance preparation or recovery effort that becomes necessary." Application Exhibit A, pp. 3-4.

WHEREFORE, Thrane & Thrane Airtime respectfully urges the Commission to grant its application for extension of special temporary authority without the conditions requested by MSV.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Eric Fishman, an attorney with the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP, hereby certify that on this 8th day of November, 2006, a true copy of the foregoing Reply Comments of Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd. was served by first class mail, postage pre-paid (or as otherwise indicated) upon the following:

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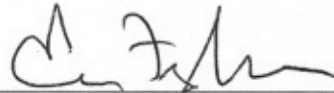
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