

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the matter of)	
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SkyWave Mobile Communications, Corp.)	File No. SES-STA-20061109-01979
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Stratos Communications, Inc.)	File No. SES-STA-20061109-01985
)	File No. SES-STA-20061109-01986
)	File No. SES-STA-20061109-01984
)	File No. SES-STA-20061109-01987
)	File No. SES-STA-20061109-01988
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Satamatics, Inc.)	File No. SES-STA-20061109-01980
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Telenor Satellite Inc.)	File No. SES-STA-20061027-01896
)	File No. SES-STA-20061027-01887
)	File No. SES-STA-20061027-01902
)	File No. SES-STA-20061027-01903
)	File No. SES-STA-20061027-01900
)	File No. SES-STA-20061027-01901
)	File No. SES-STA-20061027-01899

JOINT REPLY

Satamatics, Inc., SkyWave Mobile Communications, Corp., Stratos Communications, Inc. and Telenor Satellite Inc. (the "Licensees"), together with Inmarsat Ventures Limited ("Inmarsat"), reply to the comments of Mobile Satellite Ventures LLC ("MSV") on these requests to renew special temporary authority ("STA") to allow the continued provision of longstanding Inmarsat services using the Inmarsat-4 satellite at 53° W.L. ("I-4").

The Licensees have successfully provided service over I-4 pursuant to STA for approximately ten months. Since the transition of services from I-3 to I-4, Inmarsat services have continued to serve a vital, and growing, role for U.S. federal, state and municipal governments, relief organizations and commercial users. Examples of the users who rely on Inmarsat services for their critical communications needs include: the U.S. military, the Department of Homeland Security (including the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) and the Coast Guard), U.S. Executive Branch and Congressional officials, the New York City Fire Department, CNN, ABC, CBS, National Public Radio, the Red Cross, and nearly every major airline and shipping line throughout the world. Where no other communications service can reach, or where weather or disasters preclude use of terrestrial networks, Inmarsat's MSS system provides an instantaneously-available, reliable and highly secure communications link.

MSV does not oppose renewal of the STAs, nor does it claim that the transition of longstanding services from an earlier generation Inmarsat spacecraft to I-4 has adversely affected the interference environment. Indeed, by all accounts, the Licensees have fully complied with the conditions of their STAs, including the requirement that they operate on a non-harmful interference basis. Thus, there is no reason these STAs should not be renewed on their existing terms, while the underlying applications for "full" authority remain pending.

Nevertheless, MSV suggests that the Commission modify the conditions applicable to these authorizations to: (1) exclude from the STA renewals certain frequency bands that are the subject of an international dispute between Inmarsat and MSV ("Disputed Spectrum"); and (2) "establish a firm expiration date for these STAs" if Inmarsat and MSV have not entered a new international spectrum coordination agreement. The Licensees and Inmarsat already have fully responded to these suggestions of MSV on multiple occasions, including, but not limited to: (i) in earlier STA proceedings;¹ and (ii) in joint pleadings² opposing requests by

¹ See, e.g., Joint Reply, File Nos. SES-STA-20060710-01131 *et al.* (Aug. 1, 2006); Reply of Inmarsat Ventures Limited, File Nos. SES-STA-20060511-00788 *et al.* (May 31, 2006); Joint Opposition of Satamatics, SkyWave and Stratos, SES-STA-20060511-00790 *et al.* (May 31, 2006).

² Joint Letter from the Licensees, Inmarsat *et al.* to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, Call Signs E010011 *et al.* (Jul. 6, 2006) (responding to MSV's letter request that the Commission exclude certain frequency bands from existing authorizations to provide Inmarsat services); Joint Letter from the Licensees, Inmarsat *et al.* to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, File Nos. SES-

MSV to exclude the Disputed Spectrum from existing authorizations and to impose conditions in granting pending applications.³ Because these issues have been fully briefed, and in the interest of conserving Commission resources, the Licensees and Inmarsat incorporate their earlier pleadings by reference for inclusion in the record here.

For these reasons, the Licensees and Inmarsat urge the Bureau to extend the STAs without any new conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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MFS-20051122-01614 et al. (Jul. 6, 2006) (responding to MSV's request to add three conditions to pending applications to communicate with I-4).

³ See also Opposition of Inmarsat, File No. SES-MFS-20060118-00050, et al. (Mar. 16, 2006) (responding to MSV's Petition to Hold in Abeyance Telenor Satellite Inc.'s application to provide non-BGAN Inmarsat service over I-4).

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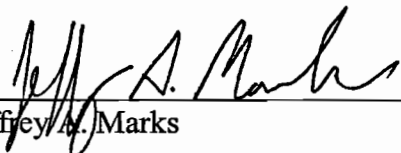
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