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In the matter of )  
Stratos Communications, Inc. Request for ) File No. SES-STA-20071101-01488  
Renewal of Special Temporary Authority ) File No. SES-STA-20071101-01489  
) File No. SES-STA-20071101-01490  
) File No. SES-STA-20071101-01491  
) File No. SES-STA-20071101-01492  
) File No. SES-STA-20071101-01493  
)

**MOTION TO DESIGNATE PROCEEDING AS “PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE”**

Stratos Communications, Inc. (“Stratos”) requests that the Commission designate File Nos. SES-STA-20071101-01488, SES-STA-20071101-01489, SES-STA-20071101-01490, SES-STA-20071101-01491, SES-STA-20071101-01492, and File No. SES-STA-20071101-01493 as “permit-but-disclose” under the Commission’s rules governing *ex parte* communications.<sup>1</sup> These proceedings involve earth station applications to offer Inmarsat services in the United States.

The *ex parte* rules provide that “[w]here the public interest so requires in a particular proceeding, the Commission and its staff retain the discretion to modify the applicable *ex parte* rules by order, letter or public notice.”<sup>2</sup> A change in the status to permit-but-disclose in these proceedings clearly is warranted in light of the issues raised, and in order to harmonize the status of this proceeding with that of numerous pending proceedings that also involve applications to provide Inmarsat services, and which the Commission already has designated permit-but-disclose.

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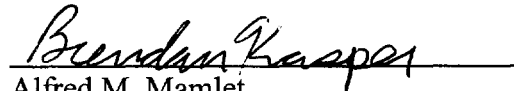
<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a).

Virtually all pending applications seeking authority to provide Inmarsat services have been opposed by Mobile Satellite Ventures, Inc. ("MSV"). The Commission routinely has granted permit-but-disclose status in considering similar applications to provide Inmarsat services, finding the change in *ex parte* status "will facilitate resolution of the complex policy issues raised in the application."<sup>3</sup> As in the other currently pending proceedings to provide Inmarsat services, permit-but-disclose status in these proceedings would serve the public interest by facilitating discussion with Commission staff to address the issues raised in these proceedings.

For the foregoing reasons, Stratos respectfully requests that the Commission designate the *ex parte* status of this proceeding as "permit-but-disclose."

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Public Notice, Rep. No. SES-00955 (rel. Aug. 15, 2007) (granting motion seeking permit-but-disclose status for application to provide Inmarsat services); Public Notice, Rep. No. SES-00894 (rel. Jan. 24, 2007) (same); Public Notice, Rep. No. SES-00825 (rel. May 31, 2006) (same, with regard to 18 separate applications); Public Notice, Rep. No. SES-00807 (rel. Mar. 29, 2006) (same, with regard to three separate applications).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Brendan Kasper, an attorney with the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, hereby certify that on this 5th day of November 2007, I served a true copy of the foregoing Motion to Designate Proceeding as "Permit-But-Disclose" by first class mail, postage pre-paid (or as otherwise indicated) upon the following:

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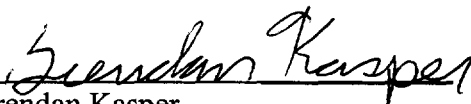
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