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Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the matter of)
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Satamatics, Inc. Request for Renewal of) File No. SES-STA-20071207-01678
Special Temporary Authority)
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MOTION TO DESIGNATE PROCEEDING AS “PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE”

Satamatics, Inc. (“Satamatics”) requests that the Commission designate File No. SES-STA-20071207-01678 as “permit-but-disclose” under the Commission’s rules governing *ex parte* communications.¹ This proceeding involves an earth station application 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.”² A change in the status to permit-but-disclose in this proceeding 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 the applications to provide Inmarsat services, and which the Commission already has designated permit-but-disclose.

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

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a).

services, finding the change in *ex parte* status “will facilitate resolution of the complex policy issues raised in the application.”³ As in the other currently pending proceedings to provide Inmarsat services, permit-but-disclose status in File No. SES-STA-20071207-01678 would serve the public interest by facilitating discussion with Commission staff to address the issues raised in this proceeding.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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³ See, e.g., Public Notice, Rep. No. SES-00955 (rel. Nov. 7, 2007) (granting motion seeking permit-but-disclose status for application to provide Inmarsat services)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marc A. Paul, an attorney with the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, hereby certify that on this 10th day of December 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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