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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of )  
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Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd. ) SES-STA-20071218-01719 (Call Sign E060179)

**MOTION TO DESIGNATE PROCEEDINGS AS "PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE"**

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 requests that the Commission designate the above-captioned proceeding as "permit-but-disclose" under the Commission's rules governing *ex parte* communications.<sup>1</sup>

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 this proceeding clearly is warranted in light of the issues raised, and in order to harmonize the status of these proceedings with that of numerous pending proceedings that also involve 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 Subsidiary LLC. 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

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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).

issues raised in the application."<sup>3</sup> As in the other currently pending proceedings to provide Inmarsat services, permit-but-disclose status in the above-captioned proceeding would service the public interest by facilitating discussion with Commission staff to address the issues raised in these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Thrane & Thrane Airtime respectfully urges the Commission to 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 (re. 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, Eric Fishman, an attorney with the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP, hereby certify that on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007, a true copy of the foregoing Motion 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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