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October 25, 2006

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of CenturyTel, Inc., Transferor, and Balaton Group Inc.,  
Transferee, Application for Consent to Transfer Control of SkyPort  
International, Inc.  
IB File No. SES-T/C-20060407-00591; IB File No. SES-T/C-20060407-00592**


**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME: EXPEDITED ACTION  
REQUESTED**

Ms. Dortch:

The parties to the above-captioned transfer of control applications (the "Applicants"), through counsel, respectfully request an extension of time of 30 days (until November 2, 2006) to consummate the transactions authorized by these applications and, pursuant to Section 1.925 of the Commission's rules, request a waiver of Section 25.119(f) of the Commission's rules, which requires that transfers of control be completed within 60 days of grant. Further, the Applicants request expedited treatment of this request, as the relevant transaction is scheduled to be consummated on Thursday, October 26, 2006 or Friday, October 27, 2006.

The Commission granted the above-captioned transfer of control applications on August 4, 2006. Closing originally was scheduled on or about September 15, 2006, but unexpectedly was postponed on several occasions and is now scheduled for October 26, 2006 or October 27, 2006, more than 60 days from the date of grant. Due to an oversight, however, the Applicants failed to request an extension of time for closing prior to expiration of the 60-day consummation deadline. The omission came to light when, on October 25, 2006 (the date of this letter), the undersigned counsel received a paper copy of the FCC Form 732 consent via U.S. mail, which noted that the transaction should be consummated within 60 days. The Applicants, therefore, are filing this letter seeking an extension of time today, within hours of the realization that they had not sought an extension of time of the 60-day consummation deadline, and less than 30 days after the 60-day deadline passed. The Applicants respectfully request expedited treatment for this request because closing is scheduled for October 26, 2006 or October 27, 2006.

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		Extension of Time	
		Call Sign _____	Grant Date <u>10/26/2006</u>
<b>GRANTED</b> International Bureau		From <u>10/3/2006</u>	Term Dates <u>To: 11/2/2006</u>
		Approved: <u>Scott A. Kotler</u>	

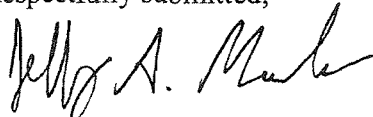
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Grant of this request for extension of time will serve the public interest by permitting the approved transaction to close, thereby achieving the benefits for SkyPort and the public that led to the Commission's determination to authorize the pending transaction. As set forth in the above-captioned applications, SkyPort recently emerged from bankruptcy, and new ownership will reinvigorate SkyPort's business. Moreover, the relief sought is only for a short period of time. The Applicants understand the importance of compliance with Commission rules. The Applicants will be sure to timely submit notification of consummation once the transaction closes.

Section 1.925 of the Commission's rules states that a waiver may be granted if it is shown that, "the underlying purpose of the rule(s) would not be served or would be frustrated by application to the instant case, and that a grant of the requested waiver would be in the public interest . . . ." 47 C.F.R. § 1.925(a)(3)(i). As described above, the instant case meets the criteria for waiver and the public interest would be served by allowing consummation more than 60 days from grant.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to consummate the transactions approved in the above-captioned applications and request a waiver of the requirement that this transaction be consummated within 60 days of grant.

Respectfully submitted,



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