

October 31, 2002

DELIVER VIA COURIER TO MELLON BANK

James R. Burtle
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Engineering and Technology
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Request of Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC
For Extension of Special Temporary Authority
File No. 0150-EX-ST-2002**

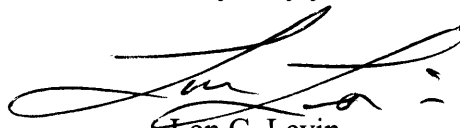
Dear Mr. Burtle:

Pursuant to Section 5.61(b) of the Commission's Rules, Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV"), the U.S. licensee of a mobile satellite service ("MSS") system in the L-band, hereby requests a six-month extension of the above-captioned Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to test and demonstrate new types of mobile terminals ("MTs") that will operate with its licensed satellite, MSAT-2. While MSV currently holds blanket MT licenses, the technical parameters of the MTs tested and demonstrated pursuant to this STA are sufficiently different from those of MSV's current MT licenses as to require approval for an experimental STA. Specifically, these MTs operate with a wider bandwidth (up to 400 kHz) than MSV's currently licensed MTs. The above-captioned STA was granted on May 15, 2002, and is set to expire on November 15, 2002. As required by the Commission's Rules, this request as well as an experimental license application are being filed prior to the expiration of the STA.

A copy of MSV's original STA request filed electronically in March 2002 is attached hereto. The technical parameters for this extension request will remain the same as those provided in the original STA request. The required filing fee of \$50 and an FCC Form 159 are enclosed with this request. MSV hereby certifies that no party to this application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §853(a).

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned at (703) 390-2717.

Very truly yours,



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Vice President and Regulatory Counsel