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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

Modification of *Ex Parte* Status

File Nos. SAT-ASG-20010302-00017 et.al and SES-ASG-200101160-00099 et al.
(See Public Notice Report No. SAT-00066)

With this Public Notice, we grant Motient Services Inc. (Motient), Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC, (MSV) and TMI Communications and Company, Limited Partnership's (TMI) Amended Motion for Modification of *Ex Parte* Status of the above-captioned proceeding. Motient, MSV Sub, and TMI assert that free exchange of views with Commission staff, particularly among Commission engineers and engineers for the parties to these proceedings, will be useful to create a more complete record on which the Commission may decide the issues raised. The Motion is unopposed.

In light of the intricate legal and technical issues raised by these applications, we find that a change in the *ex parte* status will assist Commission staff in developing a complete record on which a well-reasoned decision can be made. Accordingly, pursuant to the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. 1.1200(a), "permit but disclose" status is granted for this proceeding only with respect to the request to modify licenses and to launch and operate a next-generation mobile-satellite service system, including the use of terrestrial base stations.

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