

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Procedures to Govern the Use of Satellite Earth) IB Docket No. 02-10
Stations on Board Vessels in Bands Shared)
With Terrestrial Fixed Service)

To: The Commission

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Fixed Wireless Communications Coalition (“FWCC”), by its attorneys, hereby respectfully supports the “Motion for Extension of Time” filed on April 5, 2002, by Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc (“MTN”) requesting that the Commission extend the comment and reply comment filing deadlines in the above-captioned proceeding.

The FWCC’s members operate fixed terrestrial microwave links in the band 5925-6425 MHz in coastal areas and port cities where ESV operations are proposed. For this reason, the FWCC has an interest in this matter and intends to file comments. The FWCC agrees with MTN that there is good cause for the Commission to extend the deadlines in this proceeding – to May 10, 2002, for comments and to June 10, 2002, for reply comments – in order to facilitate the development of a full and complete record by allowing interested parties to review and take into account the results of the upcoming meeting of ITU Working Party 4-9S, which will be held in Geneva from April 17 to 25, 2002, at which the regulatory, technical and operational aspects of ESV operations will be addressed in preparation for the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference.

Accordingly, the FWCC supports MTN's request that the Commission extend the comment and reply comment filing deadlines in this proceeding to May 10, 2002, and June 10, 2002, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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