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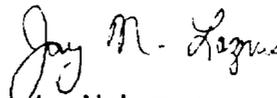
Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
TW-A325
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: PetroCom License Corporation
Petition for Reconsideration in PR 93-144 et. al.

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed please find an original and eleven copies of PetroCom License Corporation's Petition for Reconsideration in PR 93-144 and associated dockets and rulemakings. Please date stamp the enclosed file copy and return it with the courier to our office. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone me at (202) 371-0062.

Very truly yours,


Jay N. Lazrus

Enclosures

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's)	PR Docket No. 93-144
Rules to Facilitate Future Development of)	RM-8117, RM-8030
SMR Systems in the 800 MHZ Frequency Band))	RM-8029
)	
Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 332 of)	GN Docket No. <u>93-252</u>
the Communications Act -- Regulatory)	
Treatment of Mobile Services)	
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Implementation of Section 309(j) of the)	PP Docket No. 93-253
Communications Act -- Competitive Bidding)	

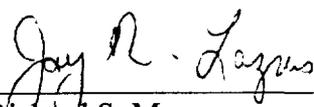
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Petroleum Communications, Inc. ("PetroCom"), pursuant to Section 1.429 of the Commission's rules, hereby petitions the Commission to reconsider its Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration in the captioned matter and include the Gulf of Mexico as an economic area-like area in the upcoming auction for the "Lower 230" channels. In support of this petition, the following is respectfully shown.

PetroCom is an SMR licensee for sites in the Gulf of Mexico. It did not participate in the early stages of this proceeding because, at that time, advanced SMR equipment technology of interest to PetroCom was not intrinsically safe and deployable in the harsh Gulf environment where wireless service providers are dependent upon oil and gas platforms as transmitter sites. Now that the technology is available, PetroCom believes it represents an improvement for safety communications for workers in hazardous work environments which justifies wide area deployment on numerous platform sites sooner rather than later. Site-by-site licensing under the Commission's current SMR application "freeze" does not permit such a deployment which possibly could make

the difference in a life-threatening situation. It would be a shame if a tragedy might have been avoided if only wide-area SMR licensing in the Gulf had happened sooner rather than later to permit deployment of advanced SMR technology which would have improved safety communications for the worker involved. Thus, the Commission has an opportunity to expedite wide-area licensing of SMR in the Gulf by granting the instant petition and including the Gulf of Mexico as an economic area-like area in the upcoming auction for the Lower 230 channels.

Respectfully submitted,
PETROLEUM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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