

February 15, 2008

**SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 04-344, Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maritime Automatic Identification Systems; NOTICE OF ORAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS OF MARITEL, INC.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), I hereby submit a notification of *ex parte* communication between the FCC's staff and counsel for MariTEL, Inc. ("MariTEL").

In particular, on February 15, 2008, I spoke by telephone with Renee Crittendon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein regarding the above referenced proceeding. I reiterated MariTEL's view that it should be provided with spectrum to replace channel 87B, to the extent that the FCC reallocates that channel for use by Automatic Identification Systems ("AIS") in inland areas. I noted that MariTEL has an interim substantial service deadline of July 2008, which should not apply to any substitute spectrum it obtains through this proceeding.

If there are questions regarding the foregoing, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Russell H. Fox*

Russell H. Fox

cc: (electronically)  
Renee R. Crittendon