

May 12, 2009

Federal Communications Commission
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Nina Shafran

RE: WT Docket No. 09-44

Dear Ms. Shafran:

I have read with interest the waiver request filed jointly by Stratophone, LLC and SkyTel Spectrum, LLC in which they have asked the FCC to waive certain rules relating to the general aviation air-to-ground radiotelephone automated service (AGRAS). They state that if these rules are waived, these two companies will invest in an upgraded, affordable, digital telecommunications network on the AGRAS channels.

I have been a pilot and private plane owner for more than twenty-five years and also own a company that operates a number of two-way wireless radio systems that are licensed by the FCC. Therefore, I am familiar with the very limited functionality of the current, antiquated, analog AGRAS facilities and also with the advanced capabilities that have been made available in most other wireless services through the introduction of digital technology. As we hear more and more discussion about the possibility of Internet access on commercial flights, it surely is time for the general aviation community to have a communications network that uses something approximating state-of-the-art technology for both pilots and passengers.

I encourage the FCC to grant the waivers requested by these companies, which will create both the incentive and the opportunity for them to bring this part of the communications world into the 21st century.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dana B. Fisher". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dana B. Fisher