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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTN: George S. Li, Chief
International Facilities Division
Room 534

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
Domestic Land-Based Ship Earth Station

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Communications Satellite Corporation, through its COMSAT Mobile Communications division (COMSAT), herein requests a grant of special temporary authority beginning October 29, 1992 and extending until April 20, 1993 to provide satellite communications services via the INMARSAT system between land-based ship earth stations and the U.S. coast earth station at Southbury, Connecticut (WA-28). In support of this request, COMSAT submits as follows:

COMSAT, as U.S. Signatory to INMARSAT, has received commissioning applications from Coastal States Management Corporation, Aramco Service Company, and Mackay Communications, Inc., to operate Standard-A ship earth stations from temporary-fixed locations in the United States. Coastal States proposes to operate a single Standard-A ship earth station, Aramco proposes to operate two Standard-A ship earth stations, and Mackay propose to operate three Standard-A ship earth stations.

We are advised that Coastal States and Aramco intend to use the subject terminals for emergency communications in the event of an oil spill or fire in a remote location that could not be served by conventional means of communications. Mackay Communications intends to use its three terminals for emergency communications as well as for demonstration purposes.

INMARSAT has granted the appropriate authorization to Coastal States, Aramco, and Mackay for the above-stated purposes. Because the subject terminals will use L-band frequencies in the Maritime Mobile Satellite Service portion of the spectrum, frequency coordination will not be an issue. In any event, the subject terminals will operate on a non-interference basis with ship earth stations in the Maritime Mobile Satellite Service. COMSAT will apply its regular maritime service charge for the proposed service, in accordance with its FCC Tariff 102.

COMSAT respectfully submits that the public interest will be served through the provision of this communications capacity for the stated purposes and thus by a grant of the instant request for temporary authority.

The requisite filing fee of \$610 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl Lynn Schneider".

Cheryl Lynn Schneider

cc: Michael Pollak
Frank Wright