

Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Section 63.71 Application of )  
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**COMSAT CORPORATION** )  
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For Authority under Section 214 of the )  
Communications Act to Discontinue the )  
Provision of Occasional-Use Television, )  
Occasional-Use IBS and Part-Time IBS Services )

**APPLICATION**

COMSAT Corporation ("COMSAT"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended and Sections 63.62, 63.71 and 63.505 of the Commission's Rules, hereby applies for authority to discontinue the provision of occasional-use television, occasional-use IBS and part-time IBS services by its COMSAT World Systems ("World Systems") line of business on routes where World Systems is regulated as dominant.<sup>1</sup>

(a) The name of the applicant is COMSAT Corporation. The address of the applicant is 6560 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817.

(b) Correspondence concerning this application should be directed to Robert A. Mansbach, Assistant General Counsel, at the address listed above.

(c) By this application, COMSAT proposes to discontinue the provision of occasional-use television, occasional-use IBS and part-time IBS services.

(d) COMSAT proposes to make this discontinuance effective on January 1, 2002. It would affect all routes on which COMSAT is classified as dominant. (COMSAT is also

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<sup>1</sup> COMSAT Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Global Telecommunications, LLC. COMSAT World Systems also does business as LMGW World Systems.

discontinuing service on non-dominant routes, but this may be accomplished through notification pursuant to Section 63.19(a) of the Rules.)

(e) COMSAT does not propose to substitute any other services for those being discontinued. However, those services will still be available from Intelsat (and other Intelsat distributors, such as Teleglobe) using capacity set aside by Intelsat for that purpose.

(f) The service areas affected by this application are the 142 international routes on which COMSAT is still classified as dominant for the provision of occasional use television services. A list of these routes is included in Appendix A hereto.

(g) Intelsat (and other Intelsat distributors such as Teleglobe) provide occasional-use television and occasional use and part-time IBS services to customers on all routes served by COMSAT, using the same underlying satellite facilities as COMSAT.

(h) The services are being discontinued because demand for them has declined to the point where it is no longer economically viable for COMSAT to provide them, in large part because the identical services are being offered by and taken from Intelsat.

(i) The proposed discontinuance would not adversely affect the present or future public interest, convenience and necessity because the identical services are still available on all routes from Intelsat, which uses the same satellite facilities as COMSAT.

(j) COMSAT has not discontinued, reduced or impaired any other service in the past 12 months and has no present plans for any future discontinuance, reduction or impairment.

(k) The services to be discontinued are occasional-use television, occasional use IBS services and part-time IBS services. These services are not telephone services; indeed, COMSAT provides no telephone services as such. It does, however, provide satellite capacity that other carriers use to provide telephone services.

(1) COMSAT has had no customers for part-time IBS service since 1997. The amount of occasional-use service provided by COMSAT on so-called dominant routes has also declined sharply in the past several years, as indicated by the following data:

| Year        | TV Hours (Minutes) | IBS Hours (Minutes) | Total Hours (Minutes) |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1998        | 1333:30 (80,010)   | 51:00 (3,060)       | 1384:30 (83,070)      |
| 1999        | 779:36 (46,776)    | none                | 779:36 (46,776)       |
| 2000        | 504:03 (30,243)    | none                | 504:03 (30,243)       |
| 2001 (Q1-3) | 142:55 (8,575)     | none                | 142:55 (8,575)        |
| Last 6 mos. | 80:05 (4,805)      | none                | 80:05 (4,805)         |

| Year        | TV Revenue | IBS Revenue | Total Revenue |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1998        | \$ 626,088 | \$ 3,006    | \$ 629,094    |
| 1999        | \$ 349,500 | \$ 0        | \$ 349,500    |
| 2000        | \$ 298,975 | \$ 0        | \$ 298,975    |
| 2001(Q1-3)  | \$ 86,872  | \$ 0        | \$ 86,872     |
| Last 6 mos. | \$ 48,621  | \$ 0        | \$ 48,621     |

The reason for this decline is that the services COMSAT provides are available directly from Intelsat (and Intelsat distributors such as Teleglobe) and from other satellite providers.

Based on the foregoing information, COMSAT respectfully requests that the instant application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Appendix A

Latin America: Anguilla, Antigua, Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chagos Archipelago, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Paraguay, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos

Europe: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Gibraltar, Greenland, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Norway, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Uzbekistan

Africa: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo (Dem. Rep.), Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, St. Helena, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Middle East/Asia: Bahrain, India, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Asia/Pacific: American Samoa, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, India, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Midway Island, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Russia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Vietnam