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Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau - Telecommunications
P.O. Box 358115
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5115

Attn: Troy Tanner, Chief, Policy and Facilities Branch,
Telecommunications Division, International Bureau

Re: Request for Extension and Modification of SIA to Provide
Service via the Morelos/Solidaridad Satellite System

Dear Mr. Tanner:

IDB WorldCom Services, Inc. ("WorldCom") hereby requests a 180 day extension of its Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to provide service via the Morelos/Solidaridad satellite system between the U.S. and various Central and South American countries. The STA expires on October 21, 1998, and WorldCom requests a 180 extension beginning on that day. WorldCom also requests that its STA be modified to include Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, and Nicaragua in the list of countries to which WorldCom is authorized to provide service via Solidaridad. WorldCom is currently authorized to provide service to Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela via Solidaridad.

On January 4, 1995, WorldCom submitted an application for Section 214 authorization to provide service via the Morelos/Solidaridad satellite systems between the U.S. and various countries. This application is still pending, but it is WorldCom's understanding that, in light of the recently signed U.S.-Mexico Protocol for Fixed Satellite Services, the application will be granted shortly.

Until that time, however, the public interest, convenience and necessity will be served by the grant of this STA extension and modification request. The facilities covered by this application will be used to provide two-way voice and data services between the U.S. and various Central and South American countries. Although other facilities are generally available for the provision of these services, WorldCom has customers which have an immediate need for service that can only be fulfilled by provision of service via Solidaridad. Grant of this application would allow WorldCom to begin providing these services at the earliest date possible.

Granted Federal Communications Division	
date:	OCT - 9 1998
authorized by:	INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
Expires:	April 7, 1999
signature:	<i>Troy Tanner</i> Chief, Policy and Facilities Branch

Applicant confirms that neither it nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

Attached are FCC Form 159 and a check in the amount of \$780.00 to cover the filing fee. Please have the enclosed file copy stamped and returned to us in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

IDB WorldCom Services, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant the STA extension and modification requested herein. Please call me at (301) 212-7090 if there are any questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Tally Frenkel
Regulatory Attorney

Enclosures