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RE: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

File No. **ITC-TAO-19981014-00691**

Dear Madam or Sir:


DrinkerBiddle&Shanley LLP
PRINCETON
FLORHAM PARK

On October 16, 1998, the International Bureau granted Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico ("TUPR") special temporary authority to provide service over the Solidaridad System to El Salvador until April 1, 1999. At that time, it was expected that grant of permanent authority would be forthcoming in a matter of weeks; however, to date, TUPR has not been notified of such authority. TUPR requested an extension of that STA on April 9, 1999, on October 4, 1999, and on April 4, 2000. TUPR now requests an additional extension of the STA, because TUPR has not yet been notified of grant of permanent authority.

The need remains for TUPR to provide its customer service over the identified route. For this reason, pursuant to Section 63.04 of the Commission's rules, TUPR respectfully requests Commission extension of the previously granted operating authority until the Commission's order granting the Section 214 authority becomes final.

THIS IS A NON FEEABLE REQUEST BECAUSE A MAJORITY OF TUPR'S STOCK IS OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1162(b).

Sincerely yours,



Tina M. Pidgeon

Granted

Telecommunications Division

date: OCT 16 2000

authorized by:
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Expires: April 16, 2001

George
Signature Deputy Chief, Telecom Div.

cc: Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary

Mr. Oscar Reyes, TUPR