Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of the Applications of

NORRIS SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. — File Nos. 54-DSS-P/L-90, 55-DSS-P-90

Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate Communications Satellites in the Ka-Band

In the Matter of the Petition of

NORRIS SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. — RM No. 7511

For Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Establish a General Satellite Service in the Ka-Band

ORDER

Adopted: November 2, 1990; Released: November 8, 1990

By the Chief, Domestic Facilities Division and Chief, Spectrum Engineering Division:

1. GTE Spacenet Corporation (GTE Spacenet) has filed a motion to consolidate the pleading dates in the above-captioned proceedings. The circumstances are as follows: On July 16, 1990, Norris Satellite Communications, Inc. (Norris) filed with the Commission an application for authority to construct, launch and operate satellites in the Ka-band. Accompanying the application was a petition for Rule Making to reallocate Ka-band frequencies to a General Satellite Service. Norris's applications were placed on public notice on October 3, 1990; the date by which comments or petitions may be filed on the applications is November 8, 1990. Norris's Rule Making petition was place on public notice on October 12, 1990; the date by which comments or oppositions may be filed on the petition is November 13, 1990. GTE Spacenet submits that because the substantive issues raised by Norris's application and petition are interrelated, the pleading dates for both proceedings should be consolidated.

2. We agree that consolidating the filing deadlines in both the application and allocation portions of this proceeding would be helpful and will not delay action on Norris's applications or petition. Therefore, pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.291, the date for filing comments or petitions on regarding Norris's applications is extended until November 13, 1990 to comport with the date for filing comments or oppositions to Norris's petition. In addition, the date for filing replies to the November 13 filings is extended until December 3, 1990. Finally, the date for filing responses in the application proceeding is extended until December 28, 1990.

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