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GTE Spacenet Corporation  
1700 Old Meadow Road  
McLean, VA 22102

Attention: Terri B. Natoli

Reference: Request for Section 319(d) Waiver for GSTAR-4 (File No. 12-DSS-STA-90)

Dear Ms. Natoli:

This is in response to your December 15, 1989 request for a waiver pursuant to Section 319(d) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 319(d), in order to allow GTE Spacenet Corporation (GTE Spacenet) to implement a proposed design modification to the GSTAR-4 domestic fixed-satellite. In your application to modify GSTAR-4's license, which included the waiver request, you propose to substitute a 27 watt traveling wave tube amplifier (TWTA) for a 20 watt TWTA on one GSTAR-4 transponder. You state that this modification will not result in any increased potential for adjacent satellite interference and that it can be implemented at no cost to GTE Spacenet. You seek a Section 319(d) waiver to allow the proposed modification to be incorporated without delaying GSTAR-4's construction completion or launch dates. Finally, you state that implementation pursuant to a Section 319(d) waiver will be at GTE Spacenet's own risk.

We grant your request in view of the time frame involved and the fact that no additional expenditures are necessary. We expect, as you state in your request, that any action GTE Spacenet takes before the modification application is acted upon will be at GTE Spacenet's own risk.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.291, GTE Spacenet Corporation is granted a waiver pursuant to Section 319(d) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 319(d), to implement the modification to its GSTAR-4 satellite as described in its application to modify GSTAR-4's license. (File No. 11-DSS-MP/ML-90). This action is without prejudice to future Commission action on the pending modification application.

Sincerely,

James R. Keegan  
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Common Carrier Bureau