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GE American Communications, Inc.
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Attention: W. Neil Bauer

Reference: Modification of Domestic Fixed-Satellite Space Station
Authorization to Permit Noncommon Carrier Transponder Sales on
Satcom I-R (File No. 17-DSS-ML-90)

Dear Mr. Bauer:

This is in regard to GE American Communications, Inc.'s (GE Americom's) above-referenced application for authority to sell transponders on its Satcom I-R C-band satellite on a noncommon carrier basis. This satellite was launched in April 1983 and is equipped with 24 transponders, each with a bandwidth of 36 MHz. You state that Satcom I-R is currently primarily used to provide video services on a tariffed common carrier basis to cable television programmers, particularly regional sports networks. You assert that these customers have indicated to GE Americom that they require more customized, flexible service arrangements than can be provided under tariff. GE Americom therefore requests authority to offer up to all 24 transponders on Satcom I-R on a noncommon carrier basis. You state, however, that GE Americom will continue to offer tariffed common carrier service on Satcom I-R to its current customers who wish to continue to receive this service. No comments or oppositions were filed with respect to the application.

GE Americom's request is granted. Based on GE Americom's representations, the proposed transponder transactions are found to be noncommon carrier in nature and are otherwise consistent with the Commission's transponder sales policies. See Domestic Fixed-Satellite Service Transponder Sales, 90 FCC 2d 1238 (1982), aff'd sub nom., Wold Communications, Inc. v. FCC, 735 F.2d 1564 (D.C. Cir. 1984). See also Martin Marietta Communications Systems, Inc., FCC 86-232 (June 10, 1986).

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.291, Application File No. 17-DSS-ML-90 is granted and GE American Communications, Inc. is authorized to offer up to 24 transponders on its Satcom I-R satellite on a noncommon carrier basis.

Sincerely,

James R. Keegan
Chief, Domestic Facilities Division
Common Carrier Bureau