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Donna R. Searcy  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Cecily C. Holiday  
Chief, Satellite Radio Branch

Re: Launch Schedule for GSTAR IV  
File No: ~~2760-DSS-MP/PL-87~~ 18-DSS-ML-90

Dear Ms. Searcy:

On December 7, 1988 the Commission released the text of an Order and Authorization, FCC 88-378, granting GTE Spacenet a permanent orbital assignment for its GSTAR IV satellite and specifying that the satellite was to be launched by February, 1990.

While February 1990 was the date by which GTE Spacenet had planned to launch its GSTAR IV satellite, unforeseen circumstances beyond GTE Spacenet's control made it impossible to do so. As a result, GTE Spacenet now has a launch services agreement with its launch services provider Arianespace for the launch of GSTAR IV as early as June 1990, but no later than December 1990.

As a result of this unavoidable delay, GTE Spacenet finds it necessary to request an extension of the specified launch date for GSTAR IV until December 1990. Specifying a new launch date at the latest likely time will obviate the need for a further extension request given that the launch date may fall anywhere within the June-December timeframe. GTE Spacenet expects to know with more certainty by mid March 1990 the likely date of the GSTAR IV launch and will notify the Commission accordingly.

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As in the past, this launch delay has resulted from circumstances completely beyond GTE Spacenet's control. Thus, GTE Spacenet believes the requested extension is consistent with the Commission's policy for granting such an extension for good cause shown. Furthermore, this requested extension will not prejudice any other party.

Should any further modification occur to the GSTAR IV launch schedule, GTE Spacenet will advise the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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