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Domestic Facilities Division  
Satellite Radio Branch

Re: Galaxy VI (Formerly Westar VI-S)  
File No. 1983-DSS-EXT-88, (as modified  
by Erratum, FCC 88-1876 (Dec. 12, 1988))

28-DSS-MLA-90

Dear Ms. Searcy:

On behalf of Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. ("HCG"), licensee of the C band domestic communications satellite known as Galaxy VI (formerly known as Westar VI-S), I am writing to request an extension of time within which to launch the Galaxy VI satellite, which is currently required to be launched by the end of May 1990.

HCG has had a binding contract with Arianespace to launch Galaxy VI since July of 1989. Although the launch date was originally set for the second quarter of 1990, Arianespace was forced to delay that date indefinitely due to the Arianespace launch failure earlier this year. After assessing the situation, Arianespace has recently advised HCG that the Galaxy VI launch has been rescheduled for September 18, 1990, but Arianespace has cautioned that that date is "soft" and likely to slip until October. In HCG's experience, further delays under these circumstances are not out of the question, and the launch could be further rescheduled until later in 1990.

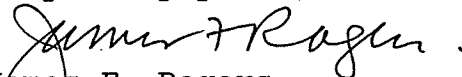
Accordingly, HCG respectfully requests that the current requirement that it launch Galaxy VI by May 1990 be changed to December 1990, in order to accommodate the launch plans and uncertainties described above.

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We will keep the Commission apprised should there be further developments. If you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

  
James F. Rogers  
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cc: Cecily C. Holiday  
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