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Attention: James F. Rogers

Reference: Request for Extension of Launch Deadline For Galaxy VI
(File No. 28-DSS-MLA-90)

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This is in response to Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc.'s (Hughes's) request for an extension of time in which to launch the Galaxy VI satellite. This satellite is currently required to be launched by May 1990. See Western Union Corporation and Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc., 3 FCC Rcd 6792 (1988). However, you indicate that Hughes's launch vehicle provider, Arianespace, has now tentatively rescheduled the May launch for September 1990. Arianespace has advised Hughes that this schedule is "soft" and may slip until October. You therefore request an extension of the required launch date, until December 1990, to conform to Arianespace's revised schedule and possible delays.

Because the delay in Galaxy VI's launch is due to circumstances beyond Hughes's control, we grant your request. Therefore, pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, the schedule for the Galaxy VI satellite is modified as follows:

Launch Galaxy VI... was originally set for the second... and forced to delay that date until...
Launch no
Later Than
December 1990

Sincerely,

James R. Keegan
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