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Attention: Joan M. Griffin, Esq.

Reference: Modification of Domestic Fixed-Satellite Space Station
 Authorization to Permit Noncommon Carrier Transponder
 Sales on ASC-1, ASC-2, Contelsat-1 and Contelsat-2
 (File Nos. 29/30/31/32-DSS-ML-90)

Dear Ms. Griffin:

This is in response to a request filed on behalf of American Satellite Company d/b/a Contel ASC (Contel ASC) to permit the sale or long-term lease of transponders on a noncommon carrier basis on four of its satellites. On ASC-1 and ASC-2, Contel ASC requests to sell or lease eight additional transponders on each satellite. Contel ASC also seeks authority to sell or lease up to thirty of the forty transponders on each of its Contelsat-1 and Contelsat-2 satellites. Contel ASC states that the remaining transponders on these four spacecraft will be offered on a common carrier basis if they are not retained for Contel ASC's internal use.

Contel ASC states that this authority will provide it with additional flexibility in marketing its services. No comments or oppositions have been filed with respect to the application.

Contel ASC's request is granted. Based on Contel ASC's representation, 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., World 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 Nos. 29/30/31/32-DSS-ML-90 are granted and Contel ASC is authorized to offer up to eight transponders on each of its ASC-1 and ASC-2 satellites and up to 30 transponders on each of its Contelsat-1 and Contelsat-2 satellites on a noncommon carrier basis.

Sincerely,

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 Chief, Domestic Facilities Division
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