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Ms. Cecily C. Holiday  
Chief, Satellite Radio Branch  
Federal Communications Commission  
2025 M Street, N.W., Room 6324  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Name Change of ASC-2 Satellite (SPACENET IV)  
File No.: 34-DSS-ML-90

Dear Ms. Holiday:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation I had recently with Oleg Efremov of your staff I learned that the FCC had some concern regarding GTE Spacenet's plans to change the name of the ASC-2 satellite to SPACENET IV. This concern stems from the fact that in 1985 the FCC authorized GTE Spacenet to construct and launch a "SPACENET IV" satellite<sup>1</sup>. As you will recall, however, the SPACENET satellite which was previously authorized as "SPACENET IV" was used to replace the third SPACENET satellite which was involved in a launch failure in September 1985 and upon successful launch was designated SPACENET III<sup>2</sup>. As a result, GTE Spacenet has not since referred to that satellite as SPACENET IV and did not realize that designating ASC-2 as SPACENET IV would give rise to concern. I understand however, that the FCC still maintains files on the previous "SPACENET IV" and that is where the concern arises.

In order to avoid any confusion at the FCC as a result of the name change of the ASC-2 satellite, GTE Spacenet will refer to that satellite in any future correspondence with the Commission as "SPACENET IV-n". This should distinguish it from the previously authorized "SPACENET IV" satellite.

I hope this modification will meet with your approval and alleviate any concern. Please contact me at (703) 848-1515 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> GTE Spacenet Corporation, Order and Authorization File No. 951-DSS-LA-84, August 29, 1985 and 1985 Orbital Assignment Order, FCC 85-396 August 29, 1985.

<sup>2</sup> See, letter to William J. Tricarico from Leslie A. Taylor, Re: 1985 Orbital Assignment Order, FCC 85-396 dated September 27, 1985.