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Contel ASC
555 13th Street, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Attention: Joan M. Griffin

Reference: American Satellite Company Motion for Extension of Time (File
No. 61-DSS-EXT-90)

Dear Ms. Griffin:

This is in response to American Satellite Company d/b/a Contel ASC's (Contel ASC's) motion for an extension of time in which to respond to the Petition to Deny filed by American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) in the above-captioned proceeding. You state that an extension is needed because the additional work generated by the pending Contel Corporation/GTE Corporation merger has made it difficult for Contel staff to attend to other matters in a timely manner. You state that a one week extension of time to respond to AT&T's petition will allow you to review the petition fully and to prepare a response. You also note that AT&T's counsel has advised you that AT&T does not object to Contel's extension request.

For good cause shown, your request is granted pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.291, and the date for filing a reply to AT&T's Petition to Deny is extended to October 31, 1990.

Sincerely,

James R. Keegan
Chief, Domestic Facilities Division
Common Carrier Bureau

cc: Francine J. Berry