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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In the Matter of)	
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AMERICAN SATELLITE COMPANY)	File No. 61-DSS-EXT-90
d/b/a Contel ASC)	
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Modification of Authorization)	
to Construct, Launch, and)	
Operate Contelsat-1)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

American Satellite Company d/b/a Contel ASC ("Contel ASC"), by its attorney, hereby requests an extension of time to respond to the Petition to Deny filed by American Telephone and Telegraph Company ("AT&T") on October 11, 1990¹ in the proceeding captioned above. Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, Contel ASC's request is due on October 24, 1990. Contel ASC respectfully asks that the due date for its pleading be extended for one week, until October 31, 1990.

¹ In making this request, Contel ASC reserves its right to object to AT&T's Petition on procedural grounds. In its public notice released September 12, 1990 (Report No. DS-1003), the Common Carrier Bureau specified that comments on Contel ASC's application were due on October 3. Since AT&T did not make its filing until October 11, Contel ASC contends that AT&T's Petition is untimely.

Contel ASC is requesting this extension of time because of the press of other business. As the Commission knows, Contel Corporation and GTE Corporation have entered into a definitive agreement pursuant to which the parties will, subject to Commission approval, merge their operations. This proposed transaction has generated a considerable amount of additional work for Contel ASC's staff and thus has made it difficult to attend to other matters in a timely manner. Contel ASC notes that since the subject of this proceeding is the construction schedule for Contelsat-1, no other party is materially affected by the short delay Contel ASC requests. Nevertheless, Contel ASC has consulted with AT&T's counsel on this matter. AT&T's counsel has advised Contel ASC that he has no objections to Contel ASC's request.

For these reasons, grant of a one-week extension of time in which to respond to AT&T's Petition to Deny will

serve the public interest. As such, Contel ASC respectfully urges the Commission to grant this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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d/b/a Contel ASC


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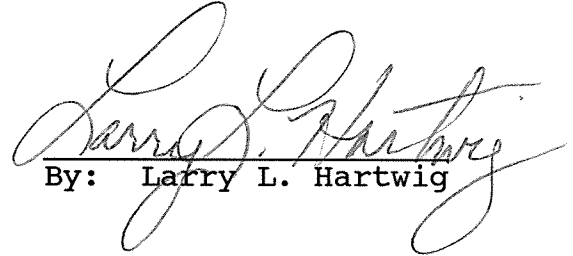
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Larry L. Hartwig, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing "Motion for Extension of Time" was served this 23rd day of October, 1990 by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon the parties listed below:

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