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Re: Operational Dates for GE-6 and GE-7

Dear Ms. Salas:

GE American Communications, Inc. ("GE Americom"), by its attorneys, hereby advises the Commission of the operational status of two recently launched satellites.

The GE-7 spacecraft, launched on September 14, 2000, is fully operational as of October 25, 2000 at the 137° W.L. orbital location in accordance with its authorization. *See GE American Communications, Inc.*, DA 00-2096 (Sat. & Radiocomm. Div. rel. Sept. 13, 2000). The GE-6 spacecraft, launched on October 21, 2000, is fully operational as of November 20, 2000 at the 72° W.L. orbital location in accordance with its authorization. *See GE American Communications, Inc.*, DA 00-2305 (Sat. & Radiocomm. Div. rel. Oct. 12, 2000). GE Americom is authorized to operate Satcom SN-4, which was replaced by GE-6, at 172° E.L. pursuant to special temporary authority. *See File No. SAT-STA-20000906-00130*. GE Americom currently plans to continue to operate Satcom SN-4 at that location for the remainder of the satellite's useful life, seeking extensions of the special temporary authority as necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,



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