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Reference: Special Temporary Authority, File No. 15-DSS-STA-90

Dear Mr. Mansbach:

On April 17, 1989 COMSAT General Corporation (COMGEN) filed an application requesting authority to relocate its MARISAT F-1 (AOR) satellite (KS-33) from 15° W.L. to 106° W.L. (File No. 1299-DSS-ML-89). The application had been opposed by the Department of Defense (DOD) on the grounds that the services provided to DOD by the MARISAT F-1 (AOR) satellite could not be obtained at the time from another satellite communication provider. DOD recently informed the Commission that it no longer opposes COMGEN's application because DOD's operational requirements have changed. No other oppositions to COMGEN's application have been filed.

COMGEN now requests Special Temporary Authority (STA) to relocate the MARISAT F-1 (AOR) satellite from 15° W.L. to 106° W.L. COMGEN wants to begin moving the satellite January 26, 1990, thereby allowing COMGEN to meet its contract obligations with the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT). INMARSAT leases the L-band and C-band capacity on the MARISAT F-1 (AOR) satellite.

Pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, we hereby grant COMGEN's request for Special Temporary Authority subject to the following conditions:

(a) this temporary authorization is subject to change in any of its terms or to cancellation in its entirety at any time upon reasonable notice, but without hearing, if in the opinion of the Commission circumstances should require;

(b) COMGEN should notify the Commission when the MARISAT F-1 (AOR) satellite is ready to commence operations at 106° W.L.; and

(c) this temporary authority, which is granted without prejudice to final action on the pending application (File No. 1299-DSS-ML-89), is effective immediately and, unless renewed, expires on July 22, 1990.

Sincerely,

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