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Attention: John P. Janka

Reference: Special Temporary Authority to Provide
Intra-Caribbean Services

6-DSS-STA-91

Dear Mr. Janka:

Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. (Hughes) has requested special temporary authority to use one of the transponders on Westar IV, Westar V or Galaxy VI to provide intra-Caribbean services. As described in Hughes's application for regular authority for such transmissions, it is already providing intra-Caribbean service from Aruba using one transponder pursuant to authority granted in Western Union Telegraph Company, 86 FCC 376, 60 Rad. Reg. 2d (P&F) 1659 (1986). (Western Union). In that order, the Commission indicated that requests for additional authority to use other transponders would be considered. Hughes's current application seeks to provide occasional video transmissions from points in St. Lucia to other Caribbean points including St. Lucia itself.

Hughes proposes to begin testing this service on January 16, 1991 and to initiate service on February 4, 1991. It requests special temporary authority to operate from January 16, 1991 until March 16, 1991. Hughes states that it will not initiate service before receiving notification from the St. Lucia government that any necessary INTELSAT Article XIV procedures have been fulfilled pursuant to the Commission's directive in Western Union.

Although we are granting its request for special temporary authority, Hughes is on notice that our action is without prejudice to any final disposition of its application for regular authority. The request for temporary authority was not filed in sufficient time to allow for public notice and comment on Hughes's proposed service and any comments filed in response to the application for regular authority will be carefully considered. Any initiation of service pursuant to special temporary authority is solely at Hughes's own risk that its regular application may be denied.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.291, Hughes is granted special temporary authority to operate one transponder on Westar IV, Westar V or Galaxy VI to provide intra-Caribbean service subject to the following conditions.

- 1) This authority will commence on January 16, 1991 and terminate on March 16, 1991;
- 2) Hughes will not initiate any transmissions prior to receiving notification from the government of St. Lucia that any necessary INTELSAT Article XIV procedures have been fulfilled;
- 3) No harmful interference shall be caused to any other lawfully operated radio station including any other satellite facility and operation shall be ceased immediately upon notification of interference;
- 4) The grant of this temporary authority is not to be construed in any way on approval of the application for regular authority for such operation and initiation of this service is solely at the risk of the applicant.

Sincerely,

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Common Carrier Bureau