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Attention: Cecily C. Holiday
Chief, Satellite Radio Branch

Re: Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc.: Request for
Extension of Special Temporary Authority to
Operate the SBS-4 Satellite in an Inclined Orbit
Mode (File No. 24-DSS-STA-93)

Dear Ms. Holiday:

Enclosed on behalf of Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. is a request for six-month extension of HCG's current special temporary authority to operate the SBS-4 satellite in an inclined orbit mode.

Also enclosed is an FCC Form 155 and the required \$500 filing fee.

HCG respectfully requests that the Commission confirm grant of this extension before the expiration of HCG's current special temporary authority on August 17, 1993.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Janka

Enclosures
cc (w/enc.): Kathleen Campbell

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Dear Ms. Holiday:

On January 8, 1993, Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. ("HCG") applied for authority to cease north/south stationkeeping on SBS-4 and operate that satellite in an inclined orbit mode. Along with that request for license modification, HCG filed an application for special temporary authority ("STA") to allow HCG to cease north/south stationkeeping while HCG's application for license modification was pending.

On February 17, 1993 the Commission granted HCG's request for an STA. By its terms, that authority expires on August 17, 1993.

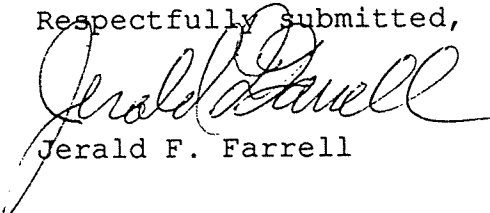
In order to allow HCG to continue to operate SBS-4 in an inclined orbit mode while its request for license modification is pending, HCG respectfully requests a six-month extension of this STA, until February 17, 1994. Grant of this request will serve the public interest convenience and necessity because it will allow HCG to extend the life of the satellite and continue to be able to provide valuable satellite services.

Significantly, no party will be prejudiced by grant of this application. No one objected to either HCG's original STA or its pending application for license modification.¹

For these reasons, HCG respectfully requests that the Commission extend for a period of six months HCG's current STA to operate SBS-4 in an inclined orbit mode.

The undersigned certifies to the Commission on behalf of HCG that neither HCG, nor its parent company, Hughes Communications, Inc. ("HCI"), nor any of the officers or directors of HCG or HCI is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853 (a).

Respectfully submitted,



Jerald F. Farrell

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1. GE American Communications, Inc. filed comments on HCG's license modification application in which it did not oppose the application, but requested that the grant of inclined orbit authority limit the orbital inclination of SBS-4 to no more than $\pm 5^\circ$. As set forth in HCG's reply filed on March 11, 1993, International Radio Regulations no longer require the imposition of such a north/south inclination limit. That interpretation was confirmed in the Commission's decision of May 5, 1993 in which the Commission removed the 5° inclination excursion limitation on GSTAR III. See GTE Spacenet Corporation, DA-93-507, File No. 7-DSS-ML-92.