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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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December 27, 1993

Scott B. Tollefsen  
Vice President  
Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc.  
1990 East Grand Avenue  
El Segundo, CA 90245

Reference: Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. Request for Extension  
of Special Temporary Authority for SBS-4 (File No. 58-  
DSS-STA-93)

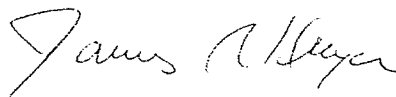
Dear Mr. Tollefsen:

Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. (HCG) has requested an extension of special temporary authority (STA) to operate its SBS-4 domestic fixed-satellite in an inclined orbit mode. An STA was granted on February 17, 1993 (see letter from Chief, Domestic Facilities Division to HCG, in File No. 24-DSS-STA-93). HCG has requested an extension of the STA through February 17, 1994, pending action on its application for modification of this satellite (File No. 25-DSS-ML-93).

At the current rate of fuel consumption, HCG anticipates that SBS-4's useful life will expire in 1994. The company therefore requests authority to operate SBS-4 in inclined orbit mode in order to extend the value of the satellite through fuel conservation.

Pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. is authorized to operate the SBS-4 satellite in inclined orbit mode through February 17, 1994. This authorization is subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Commission's February 1993 letter.

Sincerely,



James R. Keegan  
Chief, Domestic Facilities Division  
Common Carrier Bureau

cc: Gary M. Epstein  
Latham & Watkins