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Re: Application for Special Temporary Authority to Continue Operations on Satcom K-1

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed for filing is an original and four copies of the Application of GE American Communications, Inc. for special temporary authority to continue operations on Satcom K-1. Please return a date-stamped copy of the Application using the enclosed extra copy. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Kathleen Campbell

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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APPLICATION OF GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

GE American Communications, Inc. ("GE American"), licensee of the Satcom K-1 communications satellite, respectfully requests special temporary authority to continue operations on its Satcom K-1 satellite. Grant of this request will allow continued service to customers and promote efficient use of orbital resources.

Satcom K-1 was placed into service at the 85° W.L. orbital location on January 29, 1986, with a ten-year license term that expired January 29, 1996. On November 21, 1995, GE Americom requested special temporary authority to continue operations on Satcom K-1 for the six month period from January 29, 1996 to July 29, 1996. That request was placed on public notice on January 24, 1996, 1/ and was not opposed. GE Americom now requests authority to continue operations for an additional six month period, through January 29, 1997.

^{1/} File No. 35-SAT-STA-96.

Satcom K-1 continues to be capable of providing reliable and affordable services to customers, including direct-to-home video programmers and others. Granting special temporary authority for the licensee to operate Satcom K-1 for an additional six months would serve the public interest because it would allow the licensee to continue serving existing customers. Further, such authority would enable the licensee to provide a seamless transition of customer traffic from Satcom K-1 to GE-2, which should become commercially operational in early 1997.

WHEREFORE, GE Americom respectfully requests that the Commission grant special temporary authority for the licensee to continue operating Satcom K-1 until January 29, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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June 26, 1996

ANTI-DRUG CERTIFICATION

GE American Communications, Inc. hereby certifies that no party to the foregoing application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to § 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853a.

GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Bv:

Philip V. Otero

Vice President and General Counsel

Dated:

June <u>/</u>\otimes, 1996