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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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September 18, 1996

Mr. Kyle D. Dixon
Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P.
Columbia Square
555 Thirteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-1109

Reference: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to
Operate the GSTAR 2 Domestic Fixed-Satellite in Inclined Orbit
Mode beyond license term (File No. 141-SAT-STA-96)

Dear Mr. Dixon:

GE American Communications, Inc. (GE Americom) has requested an extension of special temporary authority to continue to operate its GSTAR 2 domestic fixed-satellite in inclined orbit mode beyond its license term.

GSTAR 2 was placed into service March 1986 and is operating at at 125° W.L. GE Americom estimates that GSTAR 2 will continue to provide customer services, and seeks authority to continue operations beyond the March 1996 expiration of its license term.

This confirms special temporary authority, granted verbally September 13, 1996, pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, to permit GE Americom to operate the GSTAR 2 satellite beyond its license term, until further order of the Commission, but not beyond October 30, 1996. Operations are subject to the same terms and conditions of its original authorization, as modified in 10 FCC Rcd 11021 (1995).

Sincerely,



for Thomas S. Tycz
Chief, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division
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