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William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
International Bureau -- Satellites  
P.O. Box 358210  
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5210

**Re: Application for Special Temporary Authority  
to Continue Operations on GSTAR II**

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed for filing is an original and four copies of the Application of GE American Communications Satellites, Inc. for special temporary authority to continue operations on GSTAR II. 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,

*Kyle D. Dixon*  
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Enclosures

cc: Kathleen Campbell

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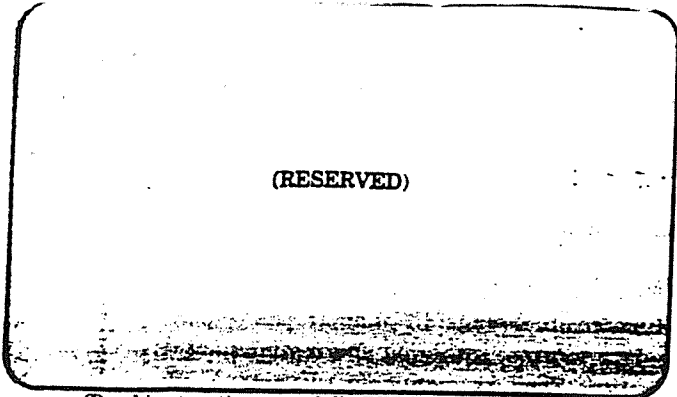
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(3) PAYOR NAME (If paying by credit card, enter name exactly as it appears on your card)

GE American Communications, Inc.

(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1

Four Research Way

(5) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2

(6) CITY

Princeton

(7) STATE

NJ

(8) ZIP CODE

08540-6684

(9) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)

609-987-4000

(10) COUNTRY CODE (if not U.S.A.)

**ITEM #1 INFORMATION**

(11A) NAME OF APPLICANT, LICENSEE, REGULATEE, OR DEBTOR

GE American Communications Satellites, Inc.

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**ITEM #2 INFORMATION**

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of Application by )  
 )  
GE American Communications Satellites, Inc. ) File No.  
 )  
For Special Temporary Authorization )  
to Continue Operations on GSTAR II )

**APPLICATION OF  
GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES, INC.**

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

GSTAR II was placed into service in March 1986 and is operating at the 125° W.L. orbital location, with a ten-year license term that expired March 1996. On September 29, 1995, the Commission granted GE Americom Satellites authority to operate GSTAR II in an inclined orbit mode, stating that such authority would extend GSTAR II's operating life and provide an opportunity for the public to continue receiving services from the satellite. <sup>1/</sup> GE Americom Satellites now requests authority to continue operation of GSTAR II beyond the

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<sup>1/</sup> GE American Communications, Inc., 10 FCC Rcd 11021 (1995).

expiration of its license term for the maximum statutory period, through September 30, 1996. 2/

GSTAR II continues to be capable of providing reliable and affordable services to customers, including television networks, news gatherers and others. Granting special temporary authority for the licensee to operate GSTAR II for six months beyond its license term would serve the public interest because it would allow the licensee to continue serving existing customers.

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2/ GE Americom Satellites acknowledges that a request for special temporary authority to continue to operate GSTAR II should have been filed prior to the expiration of its license term. However, the GE Americom Satellites staff member with primary responsibility for addressing such matters left the company late last year, and as a result, need for any request for authority to extend operations beyond March 1996 was overlooked. GE Americom Satellites has taken prompt steps to discuss this matter with the Commission staff and file the instant request since it became aware of this situation.

ANTI-DRUG CERTIFICATION

GE American Communications Satellites, 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 SATELLITES, INC.

By:



Philip V. Otero

Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: June 18, 1996