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**RE: Request of Columbia Communications Corporation for Extension of
Special Temporary Authority for the TDRS-4 Satellite at 41° W.L.**

To Whom It May Concern:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Columbia Communications Corporation are the original and two duplicates of its Request for extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") by which it seeks continuation of a previously granted STA suspending operating conditions for the TDRS-4 satellite. Included with this filing are a completed FCC remittance advice "Form 159" and a check payable to the "Federal Communications Commission" in the amount of \$575 in payment of the required filing fee.

Also enclosed is a copy of this filing stamped "Return Copy." Please date stamp this copy and return it to the courier delivering this package.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,


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July 2, 1996

BY HAND

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Request of Columbia Communications Corporation for Extension of
Special Temporary Authority for the TDRS-4 Satellite at 41° W.L.
(File No. 95-SAT-STA-96)**

Dear Mr. Caton:

Columbia Communications Corporation ("Columbia") hereby requests extension of the above-referenced grant of special temporary authority ("STA") for an additional 180 days pursuant to Section 25.119(b) of the FCC's rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(b) (1995). This authority was granted by the International Bureau on May 6, 1996 for an initial period of sixty days, with the stipulation that it would "be renewable for good cause shown at regular intervals" during the pendency of further negotiations between Columbia and the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization ("Intelsat") concerning the future use of the orbital slot at 41° W.L. See Columbia Communications Corp., DA 96-703, slip op. at 9 (¶ 19) (released May 6, 1996). ("STA Order")

The STA is premised on two important considerations. First, the Bureau acted "to provide a public interest determination as to Columbia's continued operation at 41° W.L. absent other viable alternatives." STA Order at 8 (¶ 19). Second, it found that it was necessary "to send a clear signal to Intelsat that this matter is not closed and that the United States intends to pursue it to a successful conclusion." Id. The STA remains necessary for both of these reasons, and grant of an extension is therefore appropriate at this time.

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With respect to the first point, Columbia's need for assurance that its authorization to operate the TDRS-4 capacity at 41° W.L. will not be automatically subordinated to Intelsat's proposed operation at 40.5° W.L. is no less urgent than it was when the STA was granted. See STA Order at 8 (¶ 18). Indeed, with each month that passes, the STA grows more important as a means of assuring Columbia's continued viability in the marketplace. For this reason, Columbia believes that the FCC should act expeditiously to modify Columbia's authorization on a permanent basis, as Columbia requested in its application filed May 21, 1996. See FCC File No. 116-SAT-ML-96.

Moreover, it is a manifest necessity that the FCC continue to provide its support for the principle that the dispute over the 41° W.L. orbital location must be decided fairly through negotiation and application of neutral International Telecommunications Union procedures, with the object of accommodating the needs of both parties. See, e.g., STA Order at 9 (¶ 20). Currently, Intelsat remains wedded to a strategy of protecting only its own interests, asserting that it has no obligation to pursue a compromise that could allow both it and Columbia to operate satellite facilities in the Atlantic. See Letter from Claudio Burgio, Vice President Engineering, Intelsat, to Thomas S. Tycz, Chief, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, FCC, dated June 12, 1996.

Given the fact that the extended satellite life of the TDRS-4 satellite should allow Columbia to provide service at least through the year 2001, as well as the fact that Intelsat now proposes to use a different satellite at 40.5° W.L., the circumstances of both parties have changed substantially since the 1991 consultation agreement was concluded. Accordingly, Intelsat's assertion that the 1991 consultation remains fully operative does not withstand scrutiny, and it is appropriate for the FCC to continue using the authority it has over U.S. licensing to encourage Intelsat to work toward a solution that will serve the public interest. See STA Order at 9 (¶ 21).

Finally, inasmuch as Columbia has now filed its application for permanent modification of its authorization, the FCC is not now constrained by the restriction in Section 309(c)(2)(G) limiting STA grants to a period of sixty days "pending the filing of an application for . . . regular operation." 47 U.S.C. § 309(c)(2)(G). Accordingly, Columbia requests that this STA be extended for a period of 180 days consistent with the Commission's rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(b) (1995).

The undersigned hereby certifies individually and on behalf of Columbia that the foregoing statements are true, complete and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. The undersigned further certifies that neither Columbia nor any party to

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this application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (22 U.S.C. § 862).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Gross".

Kenneth Gross
Chief Operating Officer

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