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Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc.

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ITEM #1 INFORMATION

(11A) NAME OF APPLICANT, LICENSEE, REGULATEE, OR DEBTOR Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc.			FCC USE ONLY	
(12A) FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID SBS-4	(13A) ZIP CODE	(14A) PAYMENT TYPE CODE C R Y	(15A) QUANTITY 1	(16A) FEE DUE FOR PAYMENT TYPE CODE IN BLOCK 14 \$ 575.00
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ITEM #2 INFORMATION

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION

(22) MASTERCARD/VISA ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Mastercard Visa

EXPIRATION DATE: /

Month Year

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

August 14, 1996

Federal Communications Commission
Satellite and Radiocommunication Division
P.O. Box 358160
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251-5160

Attention: Fern J. Jarmulnek, Chief
Satellite Policy Branch

Re: Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. Request for Further
Special Temporary Authority for Its SBS-4 Fixed Service
Satellite

Dear Ms. Jarmulnek:

Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. ("HCG"), licensee of the SBS-4 fixed-service satellite, hereby requests a further grant of special temporary authority to continue to operate that satellite at its current location of 77° W.L. for an additional period of 180 days.

On August 29, 1994, HCG filed an application for modification of the license of SBS-4 to extend the satellite's license term, or, alternatively, for special temporary authority to continue to operate the satellite for a period of 180 days following the expiration of the satellite's license term.¹ HCG's application was placed on public notice on September 14, 1994,² and NBC subsequently filed comments in support of the application. The Commission has not yet ruled on the application.

Since the 180-day period requested in HCG's original STA request was about to expire, HCG requested a further grant of authority on February 28, 1995, to continue operating the satellite for an additional 180 days. HCG subsequently filed requests for further grants of special temporary authority approximately every 180 days. Now that the 180-day period that

¹Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc., FCC File Nos. 59-DSS-ML-94, 60-DSS-STA-94.

²Common Carrier Services Information, Report No. DS-1457
(released Sept. 14, 1994).

HCG last requested is expiring, HCG requests further authority to continue operating the satellite for an additional 180-day period.

As HCG stated in its original application, its ten-year license term for SBS-4 has expired. Pursuant to Commission authorization, SBS-4 was launched on August 29, 1984, and successfully placed into geosynchronous orbit on approximately September 7, 1984. The satellite was put into service in November 1984, and it has operated successfully to date. Pursuant to Commission approval, SBS-4 was moved to 77° W.L. in February 1993.

At the 77° W.L. location, SBS-4 is fully dedicated to the NBC network. HCG's business arrangement with NBC allows NBC to utilize SBS-4 until the end of the satellite's useful life. In order to conserve fuel and prolong the useful life of the satellite, and pursuant to Commission authority,³ HCG is operating the satellite in an inclined orbit. HCG currently estimates that SBS-4 has sufficient fuel remaining to continue to provide service for approximately eight and one-half more years.

HCG has proposed to continue to operate the SBS-4 satellite within the terms of its current license. Specifically, HCG has requested that the Commission modify the license for SBS-4 to extend HCG's license term at 77° W.L. In the past, the Commission has concluded that granting an application for modification of a satellite's license term to extend operating authority beyond the original term serves the public interest by "provid[ing] an opportunity for the public to continue receiving services" from the satellite.⁴ HCG has urged the Commission to reach the same result here. In the alternative, HCG has requested that the Commission grant it an STA for a period of 180 days (the maximum time permitted under the Commission's rules⁵) so that it may continue to operate SBS-4 following the expiration of its license, and it hereby renews that request.

HCG acknowledges that, in the recent C and Ku band processing round, the Commission assigned the 77° W.L. orbital location that SBS-4 presently occupies to Loral Space and Communications Ltd.

³Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc., 9 FCC Rcd 2155 (1994).

⁴American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 8 FCC Rcd 8741 (1993).

547 C.F.R. § 25.119(b).

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for the Loral 2 hybrid (C and Ku band) satellite⁶ and that, upon the launch of the Loral 2 satellite into the 77° W.L. orbital location, HCG will need to relocate the SBS-4 satellite.

Grant of HCG's request will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. It will allow HCG to continue to provide essential, valuable satellite services over SBS-4 without disruption to the NBC network and without requiring NBC to repoint all of its earth stations. Significantly, grant of HCG's further STA request will not have any adverse effect on other users of the orbital arc.

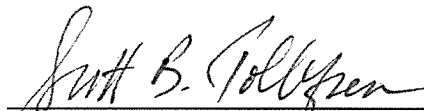
Accordingly, HCG requests a further grant of special temporary authority to continue to operate its SBS-4 satellite at 77° W.L. for an additional period of 180 days.

The undersigned certifies on behalf of HCG that neither HCG nor its parent company, Hughes Communications, Inc. ("HCI"), nor any of the officers or directors of HCG or HCI, is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGHES COMMUNICATIONS GALAXY, INC.

By:



Scott B. Tollefsen
Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

⁶Assignment of Orbital Locations to Space Stations in the Domestic Fixed-Satellite Service, DA 96-713 (released May 7, 1996).

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Re: Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. Request for Further Special
Temporary Authority for its SBS-4 Fixed-Service Satellite

Dear Ms. Jarmulnek:

Enclosed on behalf of Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc., licensee of the SBS-4 fixed-service satellite, are an original and four copies of a request for a further grant of Special Temporary Authority to continue to operate that satellite at its current location of 77° W.L. for an additional period of 180 days. Also enclosed are an FCC Form 159 and a check for \$575.00 in payment of the filing fee for this STA request. The enclosed request contains an Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Teresa D. Baer

Enclosures

cc (w/enclosures):

FCC Columbia Operations Center
Kathleen Campbell (hand delivered)