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

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(6) CITY
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08540-6684

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ITEM #1 INFORMATION

(11A) NAME OF APPLICANT, LICENSEE, REGULATEE, OR DEBTOR GE American Communications Satellites, Inc.				FCC USE ONLY	
(12A) FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID <i>-GSTAR I GE-1</i>	(13A) ZIP CODE 08540-6684	(14A) PAYMENT TYPE CODE C R Y		(15A) QUANTITY 1	(16A) FEE DUE FOR PAYMENT TYPE CODE IN BLOCK 14 \$ 575.00
(17A) FCC CODE 1		(18A) FCC CODE 2			
(19A) ADDRESS LINE NO. 1	(20A) ADDRESS LINE NO. 2	(21A) CITY/STATE OR COUNTRY CODE			

ITEM #2 INFORMATION

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION

(22) MASTERCARD/VISA ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

Mastercard Visa

EXPIRATION DATE:

Month Year

(23) I hereby authorize the FCC to charge my VISA or Mastercard AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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**Re: Request of GE American Communications, Inc. for
Special Temporary Authority to Test GE-1 at 101° W.L.**

EXPEDITED ACTION REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Caton:

GE American Communications, Inc. ("GE Americom"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 25.119 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.119, hereby requests special temporary authority to perform limited testing of GE Americom's GE-1 satellite at 101° W.L. before the satellite is placed in its permanent orbital position at 103° W.L. Grant of this authority is necessary to permit testing of GE-1 without interfering with services that are currently being provided. Because GE-1 is scheduled for launch on August 30, GE Americom requests expedited action on this request.

GE Americom intends to test the majority of the transponders on GE-1 in its assigned location of 103° W.L. That orbital location, however, is currently occupied by GSTAR I, which is licensed to GE Americom's wholly-owned subsidiary GE American Communications Satellites, Inc. ("GE Americom Satellites"). Two of the transponders on GSTAR I are used to provide 24 hour a day, seven day a week service to multiple customers. As a result, GE Americom cannot test the

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corresponding transponders on GE-1 at 103° without interfering with GSTAR I's service to these customers.

Accordingly, GE Americom proposes to test those two transponders when GE-1 is at the 101° W.L. location. The planned length of the test for each transponder is approximately ten minutes, so GE-1 will be transmitting from 101° W.L. for a very short period of time. The 101° W.L. location is currently occupied by Satcom SN-4 (formerly Spacenet 4), which is also licensed to GE Americom Satellites. However, Satcom SN-4 has no transponders operating in the frequencies on which the test will be occurring. Accordingly, the test will not interfere with Satcom SN-4's operations.

Furthermore, testing these two transponders at 101° W.L. will not result in harmful interference to adjacent satellites. As noted above, the satellite at 103° W.L. is GSTAR I, licensed to GE Americom Satellites. The purpose of testing the two GE-1 transponders at 101° W.L. is to ensure that no harmful interference will result to GSTAR I. On the other side at 99° W.L. is Galaxy IV, which is licensed to Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. ("HCG"). After discussions with GE Americom personnel, HCG has consented to the proposed testing of GE-1 at 101° W.L. provided that GE Americom informs HCG precisely when the testing is to take place. GE Americom has committed to do so as soon as possible. GE Americom should be able to determine when the test will occur shortly after launch of the satellite. GE Americom has also agreed to terminate testing immediately if HCG informs GE Americom of any harmful interference to Galaxy IV.

Grant of the STA is in the public interest because it will permit GE Americom to provide uninterrupted service to customers who are currently using GSTAR I until that service can be transferred to GE-1. GE Americom requests expedited action on this application because GE-1 is scheduled for launch on August 30. GE Americom was unable to file this request earlier because it only recently verified its inability to briefly effect service on the subject transponders on GSTAR I.

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A check for \$575 to cover the applicable filing fee, a completed Form 159 and a certification regarding the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 are attached. Please address any questions concerning this request to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Karis A. Hastings in cursive script.

Karis A. Hastings
Counsel for GE American
Communications, Inc.

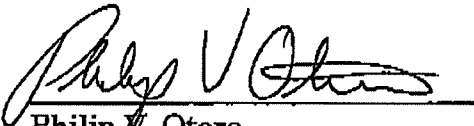
Enclosures

cc: Columbia, Maryland Field Office
Fern Jarmulnek
Kathleen Campbell
Michael McCoin

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.

By: 
Philip V. Otero
Vice President & General Counsel

Dated: August 16, 1996