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Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau -- Satellites
P.O. Box 358210
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Re: Geostationary Space Station, **GRANTED** Sign KS39)
FCC File No. SAT-STA-20020435-00074
Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

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Attention: Jennifer Gilsenan, Chief
Policy Branch
Satellite Division
International Bureau

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hughes Global Services, Inc. ("HGS") hereby requests grant of continued Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to operate geostationary space station SBS-4 at the 77" W.L. orbital position at the existing STA parameters for an additional period of 180 days through and including May 1, 2003.

On August 29, 1994, Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc. ("HCG") filed the original request for STA to operate SBS-4 at 77" W.L. beyond its original ten-year license term. The Commission granted this STA request,¹ as well as subsequent requests for extended STA operations.² HCG operated SBS4 pursuant to these authorizations until it assigned SBS-4 to PanAmSat Corporation in 1997 as part of a larger, *pro forma* transaction.³ PanAmSat operated the SBS-4 satellite in an inclined orbit at 77" W.L. pursuant to continued STA authority.⁴

On April 14, 2000, HGS requested STA to assign SBS4 from PanAmSat to HGS and to continue to operate SBS-4 in accordance with the technical parameters of PanAmSat's

¹ See Letter from Thomas S. Tycz to Scott B. Tollefsen (September 29, 1995).

² See Letter from Fern Jarmulnek to Teresa D. Baer (April 7, 1997).

³ See *In re* Hughes Communications Inc., File No. 2-SAT-AL-97(11), et at., Order and Authorization (rel. Apr. 4, 1997).

⁴ See Letter from James W. Cuminale, PanAmSat to Fern J. Jarmulnek, FCC (July 22, 1997) (requesting special temporary authorization to continue operating the satellite).