Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of the

Applications of

AMERICAN MOBILE

File No. 420-DSE-P/L90

SATELLITE

CORPORATION

For Blanket License for 30,000 Mobile Earth Stations

ROCKWELL

File No. 933-DSE-P/L90

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

For Blanket License for 15,000 Mobile Earth Stations

GEOSTAR MESSAGING

File No. 2306-DSEP/L-89

CORPORATION

For Blanket License for 10,000 Mobile Earth Stations In the 1530-1544 MHz (downlink) and 1626.5-1645.5 (uplink) Bands

COMMUNICATIONS

File No. I-T-C-90-038

SATELLITE

CORPORATION - WORLD

SYSTEMS DIVISION

For authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, to establish and operate communications channels via the INMARSAT system using a MARISAT satellite and an earth station at Southbury, Connecticut (WB-36) for interim use by the authorized domestic mobile satellite service (MSS) carrier in its provision of domestic MSS services

ORDER

Adopted: March 18, 1992;

Released: March 23, 1992

By the Chief, Domestic Facilities Division:

1. Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (ARINC) has filed a Motion for Extension of Time in which to submit comments on a petition for partial reconsideration of the *Order and Au*-

- thorization, 7 FCC Rcd 942 (1992), in the above-referenced proceedings. AMSC Subsdiary Corporation (AMSC) filed a Petition for Partial Reconsideration on March 5, 1992. In its motion, ARINC requests that the date for comments to AMSC's petition be extended from March 19 to March 24, 1992.
- 2. In support of this request, ARINC indicates that AMSC filed a petition for partial reconsideration in a related proceeding [Aeronautical Radio, Inc. and the Air Transport Association of America, 7 FCC Rcd 1006 (1992)] on March 9, 1992. Comments on this proceeding are due on March 24, 1992. Grant of this motion would enable ARINC to file a consolidated pleading addressing the merits of both petitions. In addition, ARINC indicates that AMSC has stated that it has no objection to the requested extension.
- 3. A brief extension to consolidate the filing dates is in the public interest and will not delay consideration of AMSC's petition. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.291, IT IS ORDERED that Aeronautical Radio, Inc.'s Motion for an Extension of Time IS GRANT-ED. The date for filing comments is extended from March 19, 1992 to March 24, 1992.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

James R. Keegan Chief, Domestic Facilities Division Common Carrier Bureau



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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Aeronautical Radio, Inc. ("ARINC"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), hereby requests the Commission to extend until March 24, 1992, the time in which ARINC may submit comments on a petition filed

on March 5, 1992 by AMSC Subsidiary Corporation ("AMSC") for partial reconsideration of the above-referenced Order and Authorization. In its petition, AMSC asks the Commission to establish technical guidelines and a shorter timetable for mobile terminals used for interim Mobile Satellite Service ("MSS") to transition to the dedicated U.S. system.

ARINC is the communications company of the air transport industry and operates on a not-for-profit basis. On February 6, 1992, the Commission released a Memorandum Opinion and Order granting ARINC authority to provide limited aeronautical services within the U.S. via the INMARSAT system.² Like the above-referenced AMSC Order, the ARINC Order concerned the provision of interim MSS service using INMARSAT space segment until the AMSC system is launched. On March 9, 1992, AMSC also filed a petition for partial reconsideration of this ARINC Order, seeking similar changes affecting the transition to the dedicated U.S. system.

Under the Commission's Rules, ARINC currently has until March 19, 1992 to file comments with the Commission on AMSC's petition for partial reconsideration of the AMSC Order, and until March 24, 1992 for filing comments to AMSC's related

FCC 92-26 (released Feb. 4, 1992) [hereinafter "AMSC Order"].

Aeronautical Radio, Inc. and the Air Transport
Association of America, FCC 92-25 (released Feb. 6, 1992)
[hereinafter "ARINC Order").

petition for partial reconsideration of the ARINC Order.³

ARINC respectfully requests that the Commission establish

March 24, 1992 as the filing date for both sets of comments.

This extension would enable ARINC to thoroughly examine the interrelated issues presented in the petitions and file a consolidated pleading addressing their merits. Moreover, this brief extension would not delay consideration of AMSC's petition nor prejudice any of the parties involved. As required under Section 1.46(c) of the Commission's Rules,

ARINC has orally notified AMSC and the Commission staff regarding this request.⁴ AMSC has stated that it has no objection to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, ARINC respectfully moves the Commission to extend until March 24,

See 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 (1991).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(c) (1991).

1992 the date for filing comments on the above-referenced petition for partial reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of March, 1992, I caused copies of the foregoing "Motion for Extension of Time" to be mailed via first-class postage prepaid mail to the following:

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