

April 28, 2008

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver and Extension of Time in Which to Consummate Transfer of Control, IB File No. SES-T/C-20071102-01529; General Communication, Inc. and United Companies, Inc. Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 07-274

Dear Ms. Dortch:

General Communication, Inc. ("GCI") and United Companies, Inc. ("UCI") (together, the "Applicants"), respectfully request a waiver of Section 25.119(f) of the Commission's rules and an extension of time in which to consummate the assignment of UCI's interest in 42 earth station authorizations to GCI.

The Commission granted consent to the above-referenced transfer of control application on February 28, 2008, and public notice of grant was issued on March 5, 2008. *Public Notice*, Rep. No. SES-01013 (rel. Mar. 5, 2008). The Applicants are awaiting Commission approval of related transfer applications¹ arising from their consolidated application to transfer control of licenses and authorizations held by UCI's subsidiaries, and will close their transaction promptly upon Commission approval of the remaining applications. Because the Commission has not yet approved these applications, however, it appears Applicants will not be able to close the transaction within 60 days of the date of public notice of grant, *i.e.*, by May 4, 2008. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission extend its consent in the above-referenced proceeding until 30 days after approval of the remaining applications.

¹ See *General Communication, Inc. and United Companies, Inc. Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, Public Notice, WT Docket No. 07-274 (rel. Dec. 6, 2007).

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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