

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

In re Applications of

AT&T Corporation	)	File No.: 156-162-SAT-P/LA-95
Comm, Inc.	)	163-166-SAT-P/LA-95
EchoStar Satellite Corporation	)	167/168-SAT-P/LA-95
GE American Communications, Inc.	)	169-173-SAT-P/LA-95
Hughes Communications Galaxy, Inc.	)	174-181-SAT-P/LA-95
KaStar Satellite Communications Corp.	)	203-SAT-P/LA-95
Lockheed Martin Corporation	)	182-186-SAT-P/LA-95
Loral Aerospace Holdings, Inc. ("LAHI")	)	187-SAT-AMEND-95
Morning Star Satellite Co., L.L.C.	)	188/189-SAT-P/LA-95
NetSat 28	)	190-193-SAT-P/LA-95
Orion Asia Pacific Corporation	)	194-SAT-P/LA-95
Orion Atlantic, L.P.	)	206-SAT-AMEND-95
Orion Network Systems, Inc.	)	204-SAT-ML-95
PanAmSat Corporation	)	195-197-SAT-P/LA-95
VisionStar, Inc.	)	205-SAT-AMEND-95
For Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate Geostationary Satellite Systems in the Ka-Band)	198/199-SAT-P/LA-95
)	202-SAT-AMEND-95
)	200-SAT-P/LA-95
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ORDER

Adopted: January 16, 1996

Released: January 17, 1996

By the Chief, International Bureau:

1. By this Order, we grant the motion submitted by GE American Communications, Inc., for an extension of time in which to file reply comments and oppositions responding to comments and petitions filed on the above-captioned applications.¹

2. GE Americom asserts that the extension "is necessary to ensure that all interested parties can respond fully to the issues raised in the comments and petitions that were filed on December 15. Because of the lengthy government shutdown that began immediately after comments and petitions were filed, it has been impossible for GE Americom and other applicants to verify what submissions were made on December 15, 1995."

3. Given the lack of access to the Commission and its files during the scheduled comment period, we believe that this brief extension of time is reasonable. The extension will allow adequate time to verify all submissions made on the Ka-band applications and produce meaningful replies and oppositions. Moreover, this brief extension of time should not adversely affect any other proceeding or delay the processing of these applications and is in the public interest.

4. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules on delegation of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, GE American Communications, Inc.'s motion for extension of time for filing reply comments and oppositions to the above-captioned applications is granted. The date for filing reply comments and oppositions is extended until Wednesday, **January 24, 1996**. The new date for filing responses is Friday, **February 7, 1996**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Scott Blake Harris
Chief, International Bureau

¹ The Commission previously granted an extension of time in which to file replies and oppositions until January 12, 1996 based on a motion submitted by Hughes Communications Galaxy Inc. However, due to the government shutdown this Order was never released.