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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

Satellite Applications Accepted for Filing

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

SAT-MOD-20000208-00058 S2212 Columbia Communications Corporation

Modification

Columbia Communications Corporation has filed a request to extend the commencement of construction milestone for its new C-band geostationary satellite to be located at 47 degrees W.L. (See File No. 3-SAT-P/LA-96; SAT-LOA-19961003-00160.) Columbia requests that the milestone be extended until two weeks after Commission action on the pending application for consent to the transfer of control of Columbia to GE American Communications, Inc. (See File No. SAT-T/C-20000203-00056, Public Notice, Report No. SAT-00037 (February 16, 2000).)

NOTE: Comments may be filed on or before FEBRUARY 29, 2000. Replies may be filed on or before MARCH 6, 2000.

SAT-PDR-20000214-00059

EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (d/b/a
EUTELSAT)

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

On February 14, 2000, European Telecommunications Satellite Organization ("Eutelsat") filed a letter requesting the Commission to add the three satellites listed below to the "Permitted Space Station" list created by the Commission in the DISCO II First Reconsideration Order. [See Amendment of the Commission's Regulatory Policies to Allow Non-U.S. Licensed Space Stations to Provide Domestic and International Satellite Service in the United States, Order, IB Docket No. 96-111, FCC 99-325 (released Oct. 29, 1999) (DISCO II First Reconsideration Order).]

· Eutelsat II-F2 at 12.5° W.L.

Eutelsat notes that the Commission has previously authorized certain U.S. earth station operators to communicate with this satellite. See, e.g., BT North America, Inc. and CBS Broadcasting, Inc., DA 00-162 (February 1, 2000).

We also note that the International Bureau has revised its interpretation of its Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations (Exclusion List). Specifically, the Exclusion List restriction for all non-U.S.-licensed satellite systems refers only to non-U.S.-licensed satellite systems that are not listed on the Permitted Space Station List. [International Bureau Announced Process for Providing Service Under Global International Section 214 Authorizations Using Approved Non-U.S.-Licensed Satellite Systems Listed on the Permitted Space Station List, Public Notice, DA 99-2844 (released Dec. 17, 1999).]

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written ex parte presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Commenters must file an original and four copies of all comments and reply comments. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS), 1231 - 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and one copy with Steven Spaeth, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, International Bureau, Room 6-B434, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information, contact Steven Spaeth (202) 418-1539.

NOTE: COMMENTS may be filed on or before FEBRUARY 29, 2000, and REPLY COMMENTS may be filed on or before MARCH 6, 2000.

SAT-STA-20000202-00055 S2103 ORBITAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (d/b/a ORBCOMM)
Special Temporary Authority

Orbital Communications Corporation (ORBCOMM) has filed a Request for Special Temporary Authority to commence commercial operations using its recently launched plane of satellite prior to action on Orbcomm's pending request for modification, File No. SAT-MOD-19990318-00029 (PN: 4/27/1999), as amended, File No. SAT-AMD-20000120-00001 (PN: 2/8/2000).

NOTE: Comments may be filed on or before FEBRUARY 29, 2000. Replies may be filed on or before March 6, 2000.

For more information concerning this Notice, contact the Satellite and Radiocommunication Division at 418-0719; TTY 202-418-2555.