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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Allocation and Designation of Spectrum for Fixed-Satellite Services in the 37.5-38.5 GHz, 40.5-41.5 GHz, and 48.2-50.2 GHz Frequency Bands; Allocation of Spectrum to Upgrade Fixed and Mobile Allocations in the 40.5-42.5 GHz Frequency Band, Allocation of Spectrum in the 46.9-47.0 GHz Frequency Band for Wireless Services; and Allocation of Spectrum in the 37.0-38.0 GHz and 40.0-40.5 GHz Bands for Government Operations.	)	IB Docket No. 97-95 RM-8811

To: The Commission

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT
OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF REPLY COMMENTS DEADLINE

In the above-captioned Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM"), the Commission proposes several major changes to the millimeter wave bands above 30 GHz. The proposals made in the NPRM are complicated, controversial, and will have far-reaching implications for U.S. telecommunications and information services.

Comments on the NPRM were due May 5, 1997. The Commission established a 15 day period for filing reply comments.

In its May 5, 1997, Request for Extension of Reply Comments Deadline ("Request"), Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed") seeks an extension of this deadline to June 18, 1997. Given the complexity of the issues involved, the record of the NPRM likely will be too extensive to prepare meaningful reply comments in the limited time available. Moreover, the additional time for

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preparing reply comments will afford the terrestrial and satellite interests further opportunity to resolve certain issues on how the 36-51.4 GHz band should be segmented. Thus, the Fixed Point-to-Point Communications Section, Network Equipment Division, of the Telecommunications Industry Association ("TIA"),[1] which filed extensive comments on the NPRM, supports grant of the Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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[1]TIA is the principal industry association representing all telecommunications equipment manufacturers, including fixed point-to-point microwave radio equipment. TIA members serve, among others, companies, including telephone carriers, utilities, railroads, state and local governments, and cellular carriers, licensed by the Commission to use private and common carrier bands for provision of important and essential telecommunications services.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Comments in Support of Request for Extension of Reply Comments Deadline was sent via first class mail, postage prepaid, on May 6, 1997, to:

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