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

In the Matter of)
)
2000 Biennial Regulatory Review --)
Streamlining and Other Revisions of Part 25 of)
the Commission's Rules Governing the Licensing)
of, and Spectrum Usage by, Satellite Network)
Earth Stations and Space Stations)

IB Docket No. 00-248

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF PLEADING CYCLE

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, the Satellite Industry Association,¹ on behalf of itself, Astrolink International LLC, GE American Communications, Inc., Globalstar, Hughes, Loral Space & Communications LTD, Motient Corporation, and PanAmSat Corporation hereby requests a 30 day extension of the pleading cycle in the above-referenced proceeding. Upon grant of this motion, reply comments in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") would be due on May 23, 2001. The requested extension is amply justified, will not prejudice any party in the proceeding, and will serve the public interest.

Astrolink International LLC, GE American Communications, Inc., Globalstar, Hughes, Loral Space & Communications LTD, Motient Corporation, and PanAmSat Corporation have each filed comments in this proceeding. Based on these and other comments filed by

¹ The Satellite Industry Association's corporate members include: Astrolink International LLC, The Boeing Company, Ellipso, Inc., Final Analysis, Inc., GE American Communications, Inc., Globalstar, Hughes, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Loral Space & Communications LTD, Motient Corporation, PanAmSat Corporation, Teledesic, TRW Inc. and Williams Vyvx Services.

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industry participants, we believe the GSO FSS satellite industry has the potential to develop a consensus approach on many issues with respect to GSO FSS use of the Ku band. In fact, the industry has already begun discussions toward developing a framework for such an approach. However, a thirty day extension of the reply comment deadline is necessary to permit the industry to continue its discussions and attempt to reach agreement on these issues. A consensus approach would be valuable to the industry and the Commission and would be a more efficient method of streamlining and revising the Commission's Part 25 Rules than the filing of potentially divergent reply comments by each party on the current April 23, 2001 due date.

As the Commission is aware, streamlining and revising the Part 25 Rules is extremely important to many industry participants. Indeed, given the breadth and depth of the issues addressed in the NPRM, and the technical nature of several of the issues, the thirty day extension will likely be a benefit to any party intending to file reply comments. Thus, the requested extension is in the public interest and should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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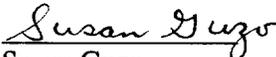
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