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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

Comsat Corporation - Application for Transfer of Control to Comsat Government Systems, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation

The Commission has received an application requesting consent to transfer control of Comsat Corporation (Comsat) and its subsidiaries to Comsat Government Systems, LLC (CGS-LLC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation (Lockheed Martin) (together, applicants). Comsat holds certain satellite service authorizations, earth station licenses, Section 214 authorizations, and Private Land Mobile Radio and Experimental authorizations. Comsat also holds temporary authority to operate two space stations.

Comments or petitions to deny may be filed on or before May 4, 2000. Reply comments or oppositions to petitions to deny may be filed on or before May 19, 2000. Responses may be files on or before May 26, 2000.

SAT-STA-20000323-00073

COMSAT GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS, LLC

Special Temporary Authority

Associated with Application File No. SAT-T/C-20000323-00078

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COMSAT CORPORATION

Transfer of Control

FROM: COMSAT CORPORATION

TO: COMSAT GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS, LLC

Lockheed Martin is a Maryland corporation with its principle office in Bethesda, Maryland. Comsat is incorporated in the District of Columbia with its principle office in Bethesda, Maryland. CGS-LLC was created for the purpose of facilitating the proposed merger with Comsat. If approved, the proposed merger would result in Comsat becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of CGS-LLC. The applicants claim that the resulting entity would combine Lockheed Martin's expertise in the design, development and manufacture of advanced-technology systems with Comsat's business experience in providing international satellite services, and be better able to compete with other entities in the international telecommunications marketplace. The applicants also state that the proposed merger also will help advance important U.S. policy goals relating to the normalization of Comsat's business operations, privatization, and technological leadership in a high-growth sector of the economy.

Application File No. SAT-T/C-20000323-00078 is the Lead File number for this series of applications. Other File Numbers assigned to specific licenses under other services included in this application are:

Satellite Space Stations:
SAT-STA-20000323-00073

Satellite Earth Stations:
COMSAT Digital Teleport, Inc. -- File No. SES-T/C-2000323-00449
COMSAT General Corporation -- File No. SES-T/C-20000323-00450
COMSAT Corporation - Comsat World Systems -- File No. SES-T/C-20000323-00451
COMSAT Corporation -- File No. SES-T/C-20000323-000452
COMSAT Corporation - COMSATMobile Communications -- File No. SES-T/C-20000323-00454

Experimental Licenses:
WA9XBL -- File No. 0005-EX-TC-2000
KA2XHN -- File No. 0006-EX-TC-2000
WA2XGG -- File No. 0007-EX-TC-2000
WB2XDE -- File No. 0008-EX-TC-2000

Part 90 - Business Land Mobile Radio Service

COMSAT Corporation dba COMSAT World Systems --- LEAD CALL SIGN: WPAG761
COMSAT General Corporation --- LEAD CALL SIGN: WPLS820

For purposes of ex parte communications, the Commission's regulations categorize requests involving the transfer of Title III licenses as restricted. Under Section 1.1200(a), however, the applicable ex parte procedures may be modified in a particular proceeding. This proceeding is the second part of a two-step merger process, the first half of which has already been before the Commission as a permit-but-disclose proceeding, and is a direct result of recent Congressional action (Open-Market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications Act, Pub. Law 106-180, 114 Stat. 48 (2000)). Consequently, we conclude it will be in the public interest for this proceeding to be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding. 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. The lead file number for this series of applications is File No. SAT-T/C-20000323-00078, and should be referenced on ALL documents filed in response to this Public Notice. 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 Sasha Field, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, International Bureau, Room 6-C407, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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