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

In the Matter of
the Applications of

AMSC SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION	File Nos. 15/16-DSSMP-91
CONSTELLATION COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	File Nos. 17-DSS-P-91(48) CSS-91-013
ELLIPSAT CORPORATION	File No. 18-DSS-P-91(18)
LORAL QUALCOMM SATELLITE SERVICES, INC.	File Nos. 19-DSS-P-91(48) CSS-91-104
TRW, INC.	File Nos. 20-DSS-P-91(12) CSS-91-015

For Authority to Construct RDSS and
Mobile Satellite Systems for Operation
in the RDSS Bands

ORDER

Adopted: January 10, 1992; Released: January 15, 1992

By the Chief, Domestic Facilities Division:

1. Loral Qualcomm Satellite Services, Inc. (Loral) has filed a Petition for Extension of Time in which to file replies and responses in the proceedings referenced above. The proceedings concern applications proposing satellite systems that would provide a variety of voice mobile satellite services in the frequency bands currently allocated to the radiodetermination satellite service, *i.e.*, 1610-1626.5 MHz/2483.5-2500 MHz. They were filed in response to a cut-off notice inviting applications to be considered concurrently with applications that previously had been filed by Ellipsat Corporation and Motorola Satellite Communications, Inc. (Motorola). *See* Public Notice, Report No. DS-1068 (April 1, 1991). The new applications were placed on public notice and a pleading cycle was established. *See* Public Notice, Report No. DS-1134 (October 24, 1991). Comments and petitions were filed on December 18, 1991.

2. In its petition, Loral requests that the date for reply comments and oppositions to petitions to deny be extended from January 17 to January 31, 1992 and that the date for responses be extended from February 7, 1992 to March 13, 1992. Loral represents that Constellation Communications, Inc. and TRW, Inc. do not object to an extension of time. Ellipsat has filed comments in support of the requested extension. Motorola has filed an Opposition to Loral's Petition.

3. Citing the complex and extensive technical appendices and arguments contained in the December pleadings, as well as end-of-year staff shortages, Loral states that an extension of time to file replies and responses will serve the public interest. Loral asserts that by allowing more time to analyze the submissions, the record will contain a complete analysis of all the technical filings. In addition, Loral states that the proposed comment schedule would enable the applicants to prepare for WARC-92 as well as allow for consideration of the conference results in the final round of pleadings.

4. In its Opposition, Motorola states it does not consider the number of pleadings filed in December to be "extensive." Motorola further states that the issues raised in the petitions are similar to those filed with respect to other applicants' systems and related petitions for rulemaking and some of these issues have already been commented on in other proceedings. In addition, Motorola suggests that a March 13, 1992 due date for responses provides only two weeks after the scheduled close of WARC-92 and that this is not enough time to digest the January submissions and the results of the conference and present coherent responses.

5. The public interest would be served by allowing additional time to analyze the complex technical issues presented in this proceeding in light of the results of WARC-92. While Motorola contends that pleadings due two weeks from the end of WARC-92 would not allow adequate time to analyze the results of the conference, the other parties apparently believe that two weeks is sufficient.

6. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules on delegations of authority, 47 C.F.R. § 0.291, IT IS ORDERED that Loral Qualcomm Satellite Services, Inc.'s Petition for an Extension of Time IS GRANTED. The date for filing replies and oppositions to Petitions to Deny is extended from **January 17, 1992** to **January 31, 1992.** The date for filing responses is extended from **February 7, 1992** to **March 13, 1992.**

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