

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

In the Matter of)	
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COLUMBIA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION)	File No. 74-SAT-STA-97
)	
Application for extension of Special Temporary)	
Authority for the TDRS-4 Satellite at 41°W.L.)	

ORDER AND AUTHORIZATION

Adopted: June 13, 1997

Released: June 13, 1997

By the Chief, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division

1. We hereby grant the application of Columbia Communications Corporation ("Columbia") for a further extension of special temporary authority subject to the terms and conditions of the original authorization for special temporary authority granted May 6, 1996¹. This will enable Columbia to continue to operate free of Commission imposed restrictions which would require it to limit the use of satellite transponder capacity at 41° West Longitude beginning in 1998.
2. In granting Columbia's initial request for special temporary authority, the Chief, International Bureau stated "the STA will be renewable for good cause shown at regular intervals" during the pendency of further negotiations between Columbia and the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) concerning the future use of the orbital location at 41° W.L.² The special temporary authority was extended for 180 days on July 3, 1996³ and again on December 18, 1996⁴. Columbia has shown good cause as to the need for special temporary authority and grant of an extension at this time is in the public interest.
3. Accordingly IT IS ORDERED that the application of Columbia Communications Corporation

¹ See Columbia Communications Corporation, DA 96-703 (released May 6, 1996) ("STA Order"), Application for Review pending.

² Id., paragraph 19.

³ See Columbia Communications Corporation, DA 96-1080 (Released July 5, 1996) ("STA Extension Order").

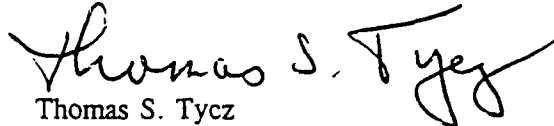
⁴ See Columbia Communications Corporation, DA 96-2139 (Released December 20, 1996) ("Second STA Extension Order")

for extension of special temporary authority IS GRANTED and Columbia is authorized to operate under its current authorization free of certain restrictions limiting its operations pursuant to its 1991 Article XIV consultation with INTELSAT for a period of 180 days, consistent with the Commission's Rules⁵, subject to the condition that Columbia shall operate at 41° W.L. consistent with applicable provisions of the ITU Convention and Radio Regulations and seek pursuant to the provisions a mutually acceptable arrangement that resolves unacceptable interference between Columbia and any INTELSAT satellite operating at 40.5° W.L.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this special temporary authority is renewable for good cause shown during the pendency of further negotiations with INTELSAT and action on the application for permanent authority.

5. This order is issued under Section 0.261 of the Commission's Rules and is effective upon adoption. Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's Rules may be filed within 30 days of the date of public notice of this order (see Section 1.4(b)(2)).

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⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(b).