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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU INFORMATION: Petition for Rulemaking filed by Spacenet Inc. RM-9864

On April 5, 2000, Spacenet Inc. filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling; Or, in the Alternative, For Rulemaking to Amend Section 25.134 of the Commission's Rules. Section 25.134 of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.134, allows VSAT networks to employ access schemes that entail statistically infrequent overlapping transmissions of short duration between remote earth stations as long as each earth station individually is within the antenna input power density limits of that Section and the duration and statistical frequency of the overlaps do not exceed specified values. Spacenet's petition will be treated as a rulemaking to amend Section 25.134 to permit explicitly such VSAT network access schemes. All correspondence regarding this petition should reference the rulemaking number assigned to the petition – RM-9864

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Commenters choosing to file by paper must file an original and four copies of all comments and reply comments. 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 Kathleen Campbell, Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, International Bureau, Room 6-B418, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Comments should be filed on or before May 30, 2000. Reply Comments should be filed on or before June 14, 2000.

For further information, contact Kathleen Campbell at (202) 418-0753.

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