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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20541

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In the Matter of

Establishment of Rules and Policies) IB Docket No. 95-91
for the Digital Audio Radio Satellite) GEN Docket No. 90-357
Service 2310-2360 MHz Frequency Band) RM No. 8610

COMMENTS OF DIGINET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DIGINET COMMUNICATIONS, INC. provides digital network services. DigiNet believes that the establishment of Digital Audio Radio Services (DARS) as proposed in the above RuleMaking is a good and viable proposition. DARS will benefit consumers and have positive implications for businesses utilizing digital communications. DigiNet supports the creation of DARS as proposed by the Federal Communications Commission.

DARS will benefit consumers through the provision of: 1. enhanced quality of reception, 2. increased programming options and, 3. a greater area of coverage. DARS will meet consumer expectations for audio fidelity and programming diversity. Consumers have become increasingly aware of the benefits of digital reproduction of audio sources as evidenced by the popularity of CDs. They have also been accustomed, through cable television, to having a wide variety of video programming alternatives. DARS will satisfy these consumer expectations for audio programming. Additionally, DARS will expand the number of people that may enjoy these benefits through nationwide coverage area. This will bring the diversity enjoyed by metropolitan residents to people in rural areas which are generally devoid of such opportunity.

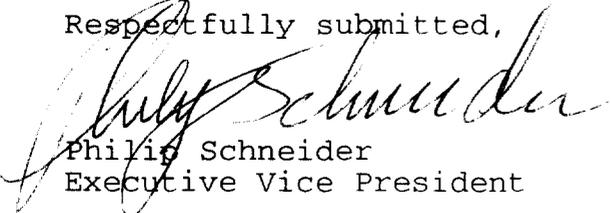
Additionally, techniques employed in DARS systems will find application in other areas of digital communications. Of particular interest to DigiNet are developments in the areas of compression and satellite transmission. These developments have the potential to increase the efficiency of frequency spectrum utilization. Any efforts which add to the commercial viability of satellite communications is of interest to DigiNet. Digital compression techniques and the opening up of the heretofore lightly used 2310-2360 MHz band of the frequency spectrum for DARS are both elements which add to the utilization of the scarce frequency spectrum.

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Any such utilization should be encouraged and DigiNet commends
The Commission for the exploration of the potential of DARS.

DigiNet supports The Commission's proposed licensing for DARS. It
is beneficial and efficient use of spectrum and portends benefits
to consumers and industry. DARS should be established as quickly
as possible so that everyone may benefit and United States
technology resources may expand.

Respectfully submitted,



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