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## FCC SEEKS COMMENTS IN THE PROCEEDING TO ALLOCATE 70 MEGAHERTZ OF SPECTRUM TO THE MOBILE-SATELLITE SERVICE

On January 31, 1995, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in the Matter of Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use by the Mobile-Satellite Service, ET Docket No. 95-18.) The comment and reply comment period for this proceeding closed on June 21, 1995.

On March 14, 1996, COMSAT Corporation (COMSAT) filed supplemental comments in this proceeding and requested that we allow interested parties to file comments addressing them. On March 27, 1996, Motorola, Inc., filed a partial opposition to COMSAT's supplemental comments, stating that the Commission should not consider COMSAT's supplemental comments unless all parties are given time to analyze and respond to them. On April 1, 1996, UTC filed an opposition to COMSAT's supplemental comments, asking that the Commission treat them as an *ex parte* communication. On April 5, 1996, the American Petroleum Institute filed a response to COMSAT's supplemental comments.

COMSAT's supplemental comments, and the responses thereto, were filed partly as a result of new information provided by the 1995 World Radio Conference on the issues in this proceeding. The responses of other interested parties demonstrates that there is considerable interest in these issues. At the same time, we do not wish to delay this proceeding unduly. Therefore, we will allow interested parties to file responses to COMSAT's supplemental comments within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice. Responses should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. COMSAT's supplemental comments and the responses thereto will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239) of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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- By the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology -