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

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In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 2.106 of the)	ET Docket No. 95-18
Commission's Rules to Allocate)	RM-7927
Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use)	PP-28
by the Mobile-Satellite Service)	
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ORDER

Adopted: May 15, 1997

Released: May 16, 1997

By the Office of Engineering and Technology:

1. On May 9, 1997, the MSS Coalition¹ filed a motion with the Commission, requesting permission to exceed the 25-page limitation prescribed in Section 1.429(d) of the Commission's rules² for petitions for reconsideration. The MSS coalition states that it intends to file a petition for partial reconsideration of the *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in the captioned proceeding (*2 GHz MSS Proceeding*).³

2. Section 1.429(d) of the Commission's rules specifies that petitions for reconsideration of Commission actions shall not exceed 25 double-spaced typewritten pages. The MSS Coalition contends that, given the complexity of the issues involved in this proceeding, and the importance of these issues to the mobile satellite industry and the MSS Coalition specifically, it is in the public interest for the Commission to grant a waiver to the page limit. The MSS Coalition avers that, while it will make all reasonable efforts to conform with the 25 page limit set forth in Section 1.429(d) of the Commission's rules as closely as possible, it anticipates that in order to provide the Commission with a complete and accurate filing addressing the issues requiring reconsideration in this proceeding, it will need to exceed the page limit. The MSS Coalition does

¹ The MSS Coalition consists of Celsat America, Inc.; COMSAT Corporation; Hughes Space and Communications International; ICO Global Communications; and the Personal Communications Satellite Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the American Mobile Satellite Corporation.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.429(d).

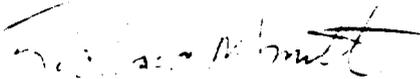
³ *In re Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use by the Mobile-Satellite Service*, ET Docket No. 95-18, *First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, FCC 97-93, released March 14, 1997.

not anticipate exceeding the page limit by more than 12 pages.⁴

3. We agree with the MSS Coalition that the issues presented in this proceeding are both unusually complex and of great importance to the mobile satellite industry, other sectors of the telecommunications industry, and the American public. We therefore find that it is in the public interest to grant the MSS Coalition's motion to exceed the page limitation on petitions for reconsideration in order to assure a complete record and thorough treatment of all issues. Accordingly, for good cause shown, IT IS ORDERED that the MSS Coalition's motion to exceed the page limit for petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.429(d) of the Commission's rules is GRANTED.

4. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4 (i), 302 and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154 (i), 302, 303; and pursuant to Sections 0.31, 0.241(a), 1.3, and 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.31, 0.241(a), 1.3, 1.46. For further information contact Sean White, Office of Engineering and Technology, (202) 418-2453, e-mail swhite@fcc.gov.

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⁴ See 2 GHz MSS Proceeding, Motion of the MSS Coalition for Permission to Exceed Page Limitation on Petitions for Reconsideration at 1-2 (1997).