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Mr. Michael McCoin  
International Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Reference: IB Docket No. 98-192  
Subject: Level 3 Direct Access to Intelsat

Dear Mr. McCoin,

GE American Communications Inc. is a provider of global satellite communications solutions. These solutions primarily provide the distribution of broadcast and cable television programming and digital/broadband services over satellites. GE American Communications currently owns and operates twelve satellites providing services to North America.

For our international customers, we lease space segment on Intelsat, Orion and PanAmsat satellites. We have direct access to Orion and PanAmsat. We would like to have direct access to Intelsat space segment. Our international earth stations, operating on Intelsat satellites, are approved by Intelsat. By becoming level 3 Direct Access carrier, GE American Communications can provide cost effective service with reduced cycle time. We therefore request you grant GE American Communications the authority to access Intelsat as a Level 3 Direct Access common carrier.

Sincerely yours,

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