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HOME BOX OFFICE INC. files a petition for reconsideration of Commission's Order denying GE American Communications, Inc.'s modification request for its K-3 satellite.

On December 30, 1988, Home Box Office, Inc. (HBO) filed a petition for reconsideration of this Commission's Order in the matter, GE American Communications, Inc., 3 FCC Rcd 6871 (GE American Order). GE American Communications, Inc. (GE Americom) and HBO formed Crimson Satellite Associates (CSA) to provide various video programming services to its subscribers including direct-to home users. GE Americom proposed to operate its 12/14 GHz K-3 satellite from the 85° W.L. geostationary orbital location with 60 watt traveling wave tube amplifiers, half CONUS (contiguous U.S.), concentrated transmission beams and transponders capable of operating with 27 MHz or 54 MHz of usable bandwidths. It also proposed to co-locate a modified K-4 satellite at 85° W.L. at a future date. In response to considerable opposition and comment from the satellite industry regarding this proposal, the Commission released the GE Americom Order which resolved the dispute by creating a bifurcated high power density arc - an eastern segment at 75° W.L.-79° W.L. and western segment between 132° W.L.-136° W.L. Because GE Americom asserted that it would not operate its proposed high power density satellite outside of the 85° W.L.-106° W.L. orbital arc, the Commission denied its modification request to operate its high power density satellite at 85° W.L. HBO now petitions the Commission to reconsider its decision in the GE Americom Order asserting that the K-3/K-4 satellite combination at 85° W.L. would not cause unacceptable levels of interference to adjacent and neighboring satellites according to GE Americom's technical analysis.

Parties wishing to file oppositions or comments to HBO's petition should do so at the Commission no later than **February 21, 1989**. Reply comments should be filed no later than **March 7, 1989**.

Parties are requested to serve copies of the comments upon International Transcription Services, Inc. at their offices in Room 246, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and upon Cecily Holiday, Chief, Satellite Radio Branch, Room 6324, 2025 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554.

Copies of the petition and related documents may be obtained from International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. The documents are also available for public inspection and copying in Room 6218, 2025 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554.