

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

In the Matter of

COMMUNICATIONS Transmittal No. 712
SATELLITE CORPORATION
Revisions to Tariff F.C.C. No. 103

ORDER

Adopted: January 6, 1989; Released: January 6, 1989

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The above-captioned tariff revisions were filed by the Communications Satellite Corporation (Comsat) on November 3, 1988, and are scheduled to become effective on January 17, 1989. Pan American Satellite (PanAmSat) filed a petition to suspend and investigate the revisions, and Comsat replied.

2. The Comsat filing proposes contract video offerings in the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean Regions that complement Comsat's existing services while using non-standard capacity. The proposed Atlantic offering makes available at a discount a transponder that is reserved primarily for TAT-8 fiber optic cable restoration. The proposed Pacific offering makes available at a discount a transponder that is on an inclined-orbit satellite. The transmittal is accompanied by an agreement between Comsat and MCI Telecommunications Corporation for use of these offerings. PanAmSat objects that Comsat's cost support showing is inadequate to justify this transmittal.

3. The Common Carrier Bureau has reviewed Comsat's proposed tariff revision and the pleadings. We find that no compelling argument has been presented that the proposed tariff revisions are so patently unlawful as to require rejection, and that an investigation of the revisions is not warranted at this time.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to reject or in the alternative to suspend and investigate filed by Pan American Satellite against Communications Satellite Corporation Tariff F.C.C. No. 103, Transmittal No. 712, IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Gerald Brock
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau