

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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**COMMENTS INVITED ON COMSAT MOBILE
COMMUNICATIONS' PETITION FOR PARTIAL
RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER APPROVING
CMC'S COST ALLOCATION MANUAL**

Comments Due: February 29, 1996

Replies Due: March 15, 1996

On August 14, 1995, COMSAT Corporation through its COMSAT Mobile Communications division ("CMC") filed a petition for partial reconsideration of a Common Carrier Bureau Order¹ released on July 13, 1995, which conditionally approved CMC's initial cost allocation manual ("CAM"). CMC requests that it be allowed to file its CAM revisions retroactive to January 1, 1995, rather than January 1, 1994, as required by the CAM order. CMC states that the cost imposed in filing its revisions retroactive to January 1, 1994 would outweigh any benefits.

Interested parties may file comments on the petition by February 29, 1996. Replies should be filed by March 15, 1996. Comments should reference AAD 94-24. A copy of each pleading should be sent to Debbie Weber, FCC, Common Carrier Bureau, Room 812, 2000 L St., N.W., Washington D.C. 20554. A copy should also be sent to the International Transcription Service ("ITS"), 2100 M St., N.W., Suite 140, Washington D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800. Copies are available for public inspection and copying in the Accounting and Audits Division public reference room, 2000 L St., N.W., Room 812, Washington, D.C. Copies are also available from ITS.

We believe that the public interest in expeditiously resolving the issues raised in this petition as well as the public interest in ensuring that decisions on those issues are based upon a complete record will best be served by making this proceeding subject to the "permit but disclose" ex parte rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings even if a formal opposition is filed.² These rules permit interested parties to make ex parte presentations, but require that the presentations be disclosed in the record of the proceeding.

For further information contact Debbie Weber at (202) 418-0810.

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¹ COMSAT Mobile Communications, 10 FCC Rcd 7639 (1995).

² 47 C.F.R. §1.1200(a). Section 1.1200(a) permits the Commis-

sion to adopt modified or more stringent ex parte procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires.