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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

Applications Accepted for Filing

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

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ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION

Miscellaneous

EchoStar Satellite Corporation has a filed letter concerning DBS Public Interest Programming Carriage of UWTV, a non-profit, non-commercial educational programming service administered by the University of Washington. EchoStar plans to carry UWTV in fulfillment of the set-aside requirements for non-commercial programming that are applicable to Direct Broadcast Satellite providers. (47 C.F.R. § 100.5)

Currently, as part of its non-commercial programming line-up, EchoStar carries the ResearchChannel. The ResearchChannel is provided by a consortium of numerous research institutions and organizations. The University of Washington is one of 20 research universities that participate in the ResearchChannel consortium and is represented on the ResearchChannel Board of Directors. Under the Commission's set-aside rules, if multiple channels are under common control, only one can qualify under the set-aside requirements for non-commercial programming. EchoStar believes the Commission's rules do not preclude simultaneous carriage of the ResearchChannel and UWTV. In support, EchoStar submits the University of Washington has stated that, while it has representation on the Board of Directors of the ResearchChannel, the University of Washington does not control the ResearchChannel, which is a separate entity from the University of Washington and is under independent control.

Comments may be filed on or before September 10, 2001. Reply Comments may be filed on or before September 17, 2001.

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