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Marlene H. Dortch
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Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: Annual Satellite Report of EchoStar Corporation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar"), I am enclosing EchoStar's annual satellite report. Please call me if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,



Pantelis Michalopoulos
Counsel for EchoStar Corporation

cc:
FCC Columbia Operations Center
Helen Domenici, Chief, International Bureau

ANNUAL REPORT OF
ECHOSTAR CORPORATION

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.210(l) and 25.145(f), and *EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.*, 21 FCC Rcd 14045 at ¶ 31 (2006), EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) hereby files this annual report.

EchoStar is presently licensed to, and is operating, the EchoStar IX satellite at the 121° W.L. orbital location. The EchoStar IX satellite is a hybrid Ku- and Ka-band satellite. Specifically, the satellite has 32 Ku-band transponders operating at approximately 110 watts per channel. EchoStar IX provides expanded video and audio channels to DISH Network subscribers who install a specially-designed dish, and also leases some Ku-band capacity to third parties other than DISH. Specifically, as of May 31, 2008, about 17 of the Ku-band transponders were leased to third parties (a number that has fluctuated during the year). The satellite also has 2 Ka-band transponders operating at approximately 120 watts per channel. The Ka-band spectrum continues to be used to test and verify potential future initiatives. EchoStar is making the spectrum available for commercial use and has had discussions with a number of third parties regarding such use. There have been no transponder outages or failures on EchoStar IX.

EchoStar holds a blanket earth station authorization to provide Ku-band DTH service from the Canadian-licensed Anik F3 satellite, operated by Telesat Canada, at 118.7° W.L. That satellite was launched successfully from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on April 10, 2007 following an approximate 10 month delay from the originally planned launch date due to a Proton launch vehicle failure in 2006. The satellite commenced regular operations from its authorized orbital location at 118.7° W.L. on April 30, 2007, and EchoStar has been duly released from its performance bond for the satellite. EchoStar has leased all 32 Ku-band

transponders on the Anik F3 satellite for DTH service. There have been no Ku-band transponder outages or failures on Anik F3.

EchoStar has met the applicable milestone requirements for its Ka-band authorization for the 97° W.L. orbital location. On April 7, 2004, EchoStar submitted a five million dollar performance bond (later reduced to three million dollars with Commission authority), payable to the U.S. Treasury; on May 7, 2004, EchoStar filed an in-orbit collision avoidance statement with the Commission. On March 8, 2005, EchoStar filed its satellite construction contract in conformance with the condition in its space station license for the 97° W.L. orbital location. On March 8, 2006, EchoStar submitted information demonstrating completion of critical design review for this satellite; and on March 8, 2007, EchoStar submitted information regarding commencement of physical construction. The launch and operation milestone for this authorization is March 8, 2009.

In addition, EchoStar has met the applicable milestone requirements for its Ka-band authorization at 113° W.L. On October 29, 2004, EchoStar submitted a three million dollar performance bond, payable to the U.S. Treasury. On October 7, 2005, EchoStar filed its satellite construction contract in conformance with the condition in its space station license for the 113° W.L. orbital location. On October 10, 2006, EchoStar submitted information demonstrating completion of critical design review for the satellite; and on October 9, 2007, EchoStar submitted information regarding commencement of physical construction. The Bureau determined on May 16, 2008, that EchoStar had met the milestone of commencing physical construction. The launch and operation milestone for this authorization is October 8, 2009.

EchoStar is also providing an annual progress report for its DBS authorization at the 86.5° W.L. orbital location pursuant to a condition in that authorization. *See EchoStar*

Satellite L.L.C., 21 FCC Rcd 14045 at ¶ 31 (2006). EchoStar has met the applicable milestone requirements for its 86.5° W.L. DBS authorization. No performance bond was required for this DBS satellite. On November 29, 2007, EchoStar filed a satellite construction contract in conformance with the condition in its 86.5° W.L. DBS authorization.

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