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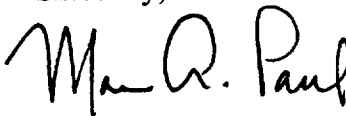
**Re: Request for Minor Modification of Special Temporary Authorization
File No. 0418-EX-ST-1999
Call Sign WA9XHY**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of DIRECTV, Inc. and EchoStar Satellite Corporation (collectively, the "DBS Operators"), enclosed please find an original and four copies of a request for minor modification of the above-referenced special temporary authorization ("STA") to test the interference caused to typical Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") receivers from the system proposed by Diversified Communications Engineering, Inc. ("Northpoint") in the 12.2-12.7 GHz band, which is allocated on a primary basis to the DBS service. In addition, enclosed is a FCC Form 159 and a check for \$45.00 to cover the filing fee for this request.

Also, enclosed please find an additional copy of this STA request to be date-stamped and returned with our messenger. If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Marc A. Paul

Enclosures

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Authorization to test for 120 days the)
interference caused to typical)
Direct Broadcast Satellite receivers)
from the system proposed by)
Diversified Communications)
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12.2-12.7 GHz band)
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**REQUEST FOR MINOR MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY
AUTHORIZATION**

In accordance with Section 5.61 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 5.61, DIRECTV, Inc. and EchoStar Satellite Corporation (collectively, the "DBS Operators") hereby seek authority for a minor modification of the above-captioned special temporary authorization ("STA"). Specifically, the DBS Operators seek authority to add two additional test sites to the STA. Since the DBS Operators are the only authorized users of the spectrum in the relevant areas in the first place, the requested extension does not raise any issues and is in the public interest as it will yield additional information relevant to evaluating Diversified Communications Engineering, Inc.'s ("Northpoint's") proposal.

On February 9, 2000, the Office of Engineering and Technology granted the above-captioned STA to allow the DBS Operators to conduct tests for 120 days the interference caused to typical Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") receivers from the system proposed by Northpoint in the 12.2-12.7 GHz band, which is allocated on a primary basis to the DBS service.

That authorization initially covered 4 sites. In the original STA request, the DBS Operators indicated that they would notify the Commission if additional locations were to be added for purposes of testing. To further their testing objectives and to enhance the usefulness of their tests, the DBS Operators request that the following two station locations be added to the above-captioned STA:

Reston, VA
Anderson Consulting Building
One Freedom Square
Latitude: North 38 degrees, 57' 31.5"
Longitude: West 77 degrees, 21' 32.7"
Tower Height: 215'
Ground Elevation: 405' AMSL

Oxon Hill, MD
Constellation Center Building
6009 Oxon Hill Road
Latitude: North 38 degrees 48' 19.0"
Longitude: West 76 degrees 58' 48.0"
Tower height: 152'
Ground Elevation: 260' AMSL

The technical specifications for the testing set forth in the original STA request submitted by the DBS Operators will remain the same for each new testing location.

The DBS Operators believe that the addition of these two sites is in the public interest because it will permit the DBS Operators to produce useful testing results for the Commission to use in connection with its consideration of the Northpoint proposed system and the Commission's pending rulemaking proceedings. The DBS Operators will operate these additional test sites in full compliance with all the terms and conditions of their STA.

The Applicants hereby certify that they, their officers and directors, and any party with five percent or greater interest in this request for temporary authorization is not subject to denial of the Federal benefits requested herein pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

In accordance with Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the DBS Operators hereby waive any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise.

Enclosed is a check for \$45.00 to cover the filing fee (Fee Type code "EAE") for this modification request, along with a completed FCC Form 159.

If there are any questions concerning this modification request, please contact the DBS operators' counsel:

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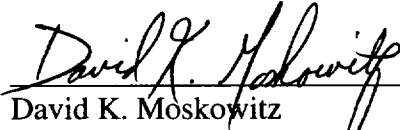
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 18, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 18, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of May, 2000 a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Minor Modification was served via hand delivery (indicated by *) or first class mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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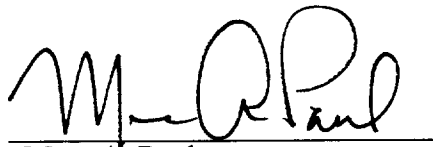
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