

MODIFICATION APPLICATION TO ADD POINT OF COMMUNICATION

By this application, HNS License Sub, LLC (“Hughes”), hereby requests a modification of its license for experimental Call Sign WE2XEW, File No. 0126-EX-RR-2011, to add the EchoStar 9 space station at 121.0° W.L. (Call Sign S2143) and EchoStar 17 space station at 107.1° W.L. (formerly known as SPACEWAY 4 and Jupiter 107W; Call Sign S2753) as additional points of communication in the Ka-band fixed-satellite service frequencies. The addition of EchoStar 9 and EchoStar 17 as points of communication would provide a valuable new satellite platform that will enable Hughes to continue its domestic testing, demonstration and training operations of mobile terminals in the continental United States. Further, the addition of this point of communication will increase Hughes’ ability to find suitable satellite capacity that will ensure its ability to satisfy its obligation not to cause harmful interference through the terminals it is authorized to use. Having the flexibility to look to multiple satellites for the space segment component ensures the minimization of the potential for undesired interference resulting from the ongoing experimentation program.

This modification application proposes no change to the technical characteristics of the license for Call Sign WE2XEW as authorized in its May 17, 2011 renewal grant. All technical operations with the EchoStar 9 and EchoStar 17 satellites will be consistent with the terms of their existing authorizations.

In view of the benefits outlined above and the absence of a need for detailed technical review, Hughes respectfully requests the expeditious consideration and grant of this application.