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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EchoStar Corporation, File No. SAT-LOA-20020328-00050, SAT-AMD-20051118-00247, SAT-AMD-20080114-00018, SAT-AMD-20080213-00044, Call Sign S2440

Dear Ms. Dortch:

EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) hereby submits a certification of completion of the critical design review (“CDR”) milestone to demonstrate compliance with the milestone set forth in Section 25.164(a) of the Commission’s rules¹ and its authorization to construct a satellite in the 17/24 GHz Broadcasting-Satellite Service (“BSS”) to be located at the 79.0° W.L. orbital location (Attachment 1).² EchoStar is also providing documentation demonstrating completion of the CDR for this satellite produced pursuant to EchoStar’s contract with Space Systems/Loral (“SS/L”) (Attachment 2).³ This information is being provided to demonstrate that EchoStar has met the CDR milestone contained in its authorization for the 79.0° W.L. orbital location.⁴

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.164(a).

² See Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-LOA-20020328-00050, SAT-AMD-20051118-00247, SAT-AMD-20080114-00018, SAT-AMD-20080213-00044, Condition 6(b) (granted Apr. 20, 2009).

³ EchoStar has requested that the information provided as Attachment 2 be treated as confidential and not routinely available for public inspection pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457 and
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this submission.

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0.459. *See* Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel to EchoStar Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (April 20, 2011).

⁴ *See* Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-LOA-20020328-00050, SAT-AMD-20051118-00247, SAT-AMD-20080114-00018, SAT-AMD-20080213-00044, Condition 6(b) (granted Apr. 20, 2009).

ATTACHMENT 1

Certification of Critical Design Review Completion

CERTIFICATION

I, Darren Hamilton, certify under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am the Director of Space Systems Engineering for EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar").
2. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, EchoStar has completed the critical design review of its proposed 17/24 GHz Broadcasting-Satellite Service geostationary orbit satellite to be located at the 79° W.L. orbital location.



Darren Hamilton

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ATTACHMENT 2

**Critical Design Review Documentation
(Redacted)**