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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
International Bureau  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is submitted on behalf of EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) in connection with EchoStar’s proposed satellite networks USABSN-9A at 107° W.L. and USABSN-15 at 75° W.L. *See* SAT-AMD-20080213-00043, SAT-AMD-20080213-00045 (filed Feb. 13, 2008).<sup>1</sup>

EchoStar is aware that as a result of the actions taken at the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference, processing fees will now be charged by the International Telecommunication Union (“ITU”) for satellite network filings. As a consequence, Commission applicants are responsible for any and all fees charged by the ITU. EchoStar hereby states that it is aware of and unconditionally accepts this requirement and its responsibility to pay any ITU cost recovery fees associated with the aforementioned ITU filing at the appropriate time. In addition, all correspondence with EchoStar regarding ITU cost recovery issues should be directed to the undersigned.

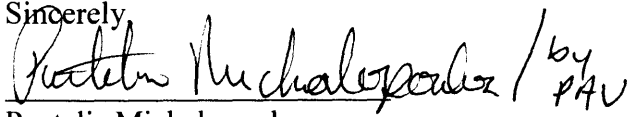
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<sup>1</sup> On January 1, 2008, EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation, the original applicant on the application, consummated a *pro forma* assignment of several space station assets, including those associated with the applications identified in this letter, to EchoStar Corporation. *See, e.g.* File No. SAT-ASG-20071108-00154, granted in Public Notice, DA 07-4655 (rel. Nov. 16, 2007). EchoStar, submitted a notification to update these applications to reflect this assignment as required by 47 C.F.R. § 1.65 on January 31, 2008. *See* Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel for EchoStar, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, dated January 31, 2008. EchoStar submitted a corrected letter on February 1, 2008, identifying an additional application that was assigned. *See* Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel for EchoStar, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, dated February 1, 2008.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Pantelis Michalopoulos in cursive script. To the right of the signature, there is a handwritten note: "/ by pAV".

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