

## **Liberty Mutual Surety**

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September 3, 2009

Mark Stephens Federal Communications Satellite Division International Bureau 445 Twelfth Street S.W. Washington, DC 20554

RE:

Principal

:ATCONTACT Communications/Dish Network

Bond No.

:6321647

Dear Mr. Stephens:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 26, 2009, placing a claim against the above-captioned bond. At this time we have taken the liberty of contacting our principal in writing and conferring with its attorney, James M. Talens over the phone.

In my discussions with Mr. Talens he indicated that our principal was still evaluating its options. It appears that the options it has at this time are as follows: 1) pay the amount of the claim; 2) move for reconsideration of the administrative ruling or 3) file an appeal in District Court. Should our principal file for reconsideration or an appeal it would seem that any demand upon the bond would be premature. Under those circumstances we would ask that the Federal Communications Commission either withdraw its claim or stay any demand until all administrative and/or judicial remedies have been exhausted by the principal.

Next, we have not yet had an opportunity to hear from our principal directly and are unaware if there are any valid defenses to your claim against the bond. Accordingly, nothing in this letter should be construed as a waiver of any of the rights or defenses which may have accrued either to our principal or its surety in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

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