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Via HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Expedited Consideration of Consolidated Application for Consent to Assignment of Space Station and Earth Station Licenses, and Related Special Temporary Authorization; File Nos. SAT-ASG-20050128-00017; SES-ASG-INTR2005-00211

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. ("EchoStar") and Cablevision Systems Corporation and Rainbow DBS Company LLC (collectively "Rainbow DBS"), the undersigned hereby request expedited consideration of the above-referenced applications.

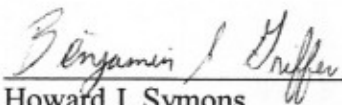
On January 28, 2005, the applicants filed this Consolidated Application with the Commission, along with a related request for special temporary authorization. The only formal opposition to this application was filed on March 28, 2005, jointly by VOOM HD, LLC and The Association of Consumers to Preserve and Promote DBS Competition ("Association"). See Joint Petition to Deny. The applicants filed a joint opposition to this Petition on April 12, 2005. See Opposition to Joint Petition to Deny.

The Joint Petition to Deny has now been withdrawn by VOOM HD, LLC and the Association, as evidenced by the attached letter. See Letter to Marlene H. Dortch from Charles F. Dolan and Jerome J. Sandler (April 29, 2005). While a number of informal comments and correspondence from the public were submitted in this proceeding, the vast majority state that their opposition is based on a desire to continue to receive the VOOM service. As indicated in the Opposition to Joint Petition to Deny, the Cablevision Board has confirmed its decision to discontinue the provision of the VOOM service, and that decision is not affected by the sale of the assets that are the subject of this proceeding. As of April 30, 2005, the VOOM service provided by Rainbow DBS has been discontinued.

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Accordingly, with no formal opposition to the proposed transaction, and in order to attain the public interest benefits noted in the above-referenced applications at the earliest possible time, EchoStar and Rainbow DBS hereby request expedited action on these applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

April 29, 2005

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554


Re: **IB Docket No. 05-72**
IB File No. SAT-ASG-20050128-00017;
IB File No. SES-ASG-20050131-00117;
IB File Nos. SAT-STA-20030623-00122;
SAT-STA-20040319-00081; and SAT-STA-20040924-00191

Dear Ms. Dortch:

VOOM HD, LLC and The Association of Consumers to Preserve and Promote DBS Competition hereby withdraw the Joint Petition to Deny Application for Consent to Assignment of Licenses filed in the above-referenced proceeding on March 28, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,


Charles F. Dolan
VOOM HD, LLC


Jerome J. Sandler, President
The Association of Consumers to
Preserve and Promote DBS Competition

cc: David K. Moskowitz, Executive Vice President and General Counsel,
EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.
Philip L. Malet, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
James L. Dolan, President and CEO, Rainbow DBS Company LLC