

EXHIBIT 1

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION AND PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT (Response to Questions 43 & A21)

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(i), Applicants seek Commission consent to the *pro forma* assignment of the license (including special temporary authorizations) to operate the EchoStar 9 satellite (Call Sign S2179), from EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation (“ESOC”) to EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C. (“ESS”), both of which are indirect, wholly owned subsidiaries of EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”). This *pro forma* license assignment is part of a larger series of *pro forma* transactions, which have been Commission-approved and consummated, resulting in the transfer of certain licenses and assets of ESOC to EchoStar BSS Corporation (“EBC”), a wholly owned subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation (“DISH”).¹

These *pro forma* transactions further resulted in other assets, including the EchoStar 9 license, remaining with ESOC, which merged with former ESS to form a newly combined ESS. As shown in Attachment A, newly combined ESS remains an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of EchoStar (in which Charles W. Ergen holds a controlling, majority voting interest).

As previously noted, these *pro forma* transactions serve the public interest by creating a more efficient operating structure to facilitate investment in DISH and its affiliated companies.² Indeed, the proposed *pro forma* assignment is required to reflect existing ownership of former

¹ See ESOC, Application for *Pro Forma* License Assignment, IBFS File No. SAT-ASG-20190607-00044, Exh. 1 (Description of Transaction and Public Interest Statement), at 1-2 (filed June 7, 2019) (“ESOC *Pro Forma* Assignment Application”); see also *Satellite Policy Branch Information: Actions Taken*, Public Notice, Report No. SAT-01398 (June 28, 2019) (announcing FCC grant of ESOC *Pro Forma* Assignment Application); Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos *et al.*, Counsel for DISH *et al.*, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, IBFS File No. SAT-ASG-20190607-00044 *et al.* (Sept. 12, 2019) (providing notice of consummation of *pro forma* transactions on September 10).

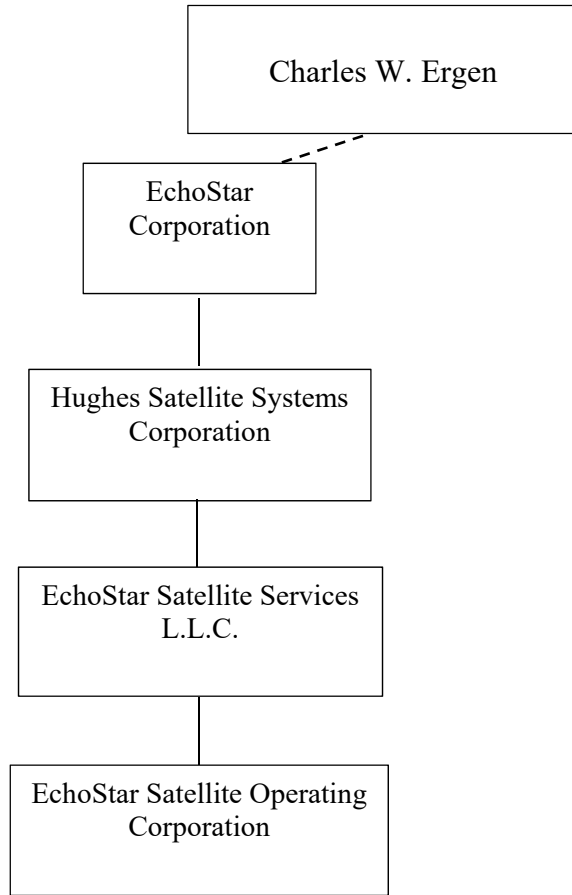
² See ESOC *Pro Forma* Assignment Application, Exh. 1, at 2.

ESOC assets and corporate restructuring resulting from consummation of previously approved *pro forma* transactions.

Applicants certify that the proposed assignment is *pro forma* and, together with all prior *pro forma* transactions, does not result in a change in the actual controlling party. Accordingly, Commission approval should be deemed granted one business day after filing under 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(i).

ATTACHMENT A

Pre-Closing Ownership Diagram

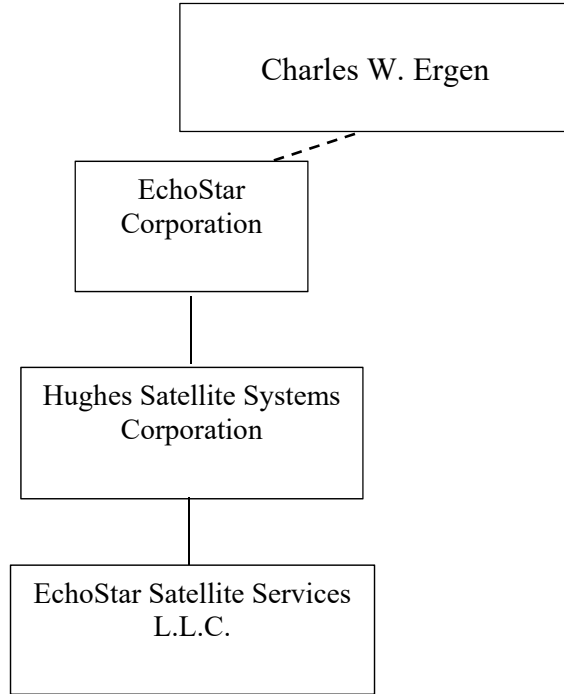


Legend

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(i.e., majority voting interest)
- 100 Percent Ownership

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Post-Closing Ownership Diagram



Legend

- - - - - Controlling Interest
(i.e., majority voting interest)

————— 100 Percent Ownership