

## EXHIBIT 1

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

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(i), SES Americom, Inc. and EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation (“ESOC”) seek Commission consent to the pro forma assignment of the license to operate the Ku-band portion of the AMC-16 satellite (Call Sign S2181)<sup>1</sup> from ESOC to EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C. (“ESS”), both of which are indirect, wholly owned subsidiaries of EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”).<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

These pro forma transactions further resulted in other assets, including the AMC-16 license, remaining with ESOC, which merged with former ESS to form a newly combined ESS.<sup>4</sup> 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).

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<sup>1</sup> See Radio Station Authorization Consent to Assignment, IBFS File No. SAT-ASG-20141020-00111 (granted Mar. 24, 2015) authorizing assignment from SES Americom, Inc. to SES Americom, Inc. and EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation.

<sup>2</sup> The *pro forma* assignment discussed herein does not affect the AMC-16 Ka-band payload license, which continues to be held by SES Americom, Inc.

<sup>3</sup> 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 Network Corporation 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).

<sup>4</sup> Consistent with International Bureau advice, EchoStar withdrew its December 20, 2019 pro forma assignment application for the Ku-band and has resubmitted the application to ensure that both SES Americom and ESS, the authorization holders for the Ka- and Ku-band payloads on AMC-16, are both listed in IBFS. IBFS File No. SAT-ASG-20191220-00150 (Call Sign S2181) (filed Dec. 20, 2019).

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.<sup>5</sup>

Indeed, the proposed pro forma assignment is required to reflect existing ownership of former ESOC assets and corporate restructuring resulting from consummation of previously approved pro forma transactions.

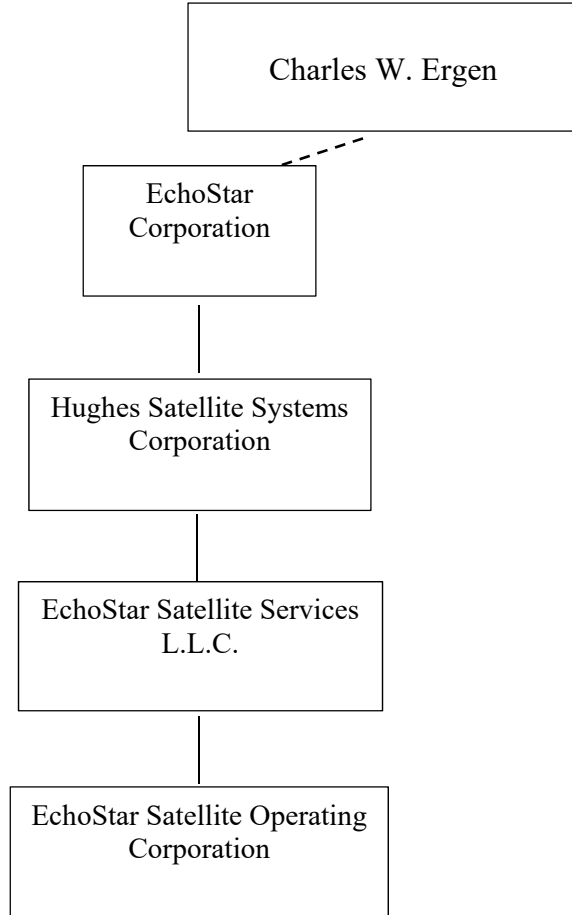
EchoStar certifies that the proposed assignment is pro forma and, together with all prior pro forma transactions, does not result in a change in the actual controlling party. Accordingly, Commission approval should be deemed granted one business day after filing under 47 C.F.R. § 25.119(i).

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<sup>5</sup> See ESOC Pro Forma Assignment Application, Exh. 1, at 2.

**ATTACHMENT A**

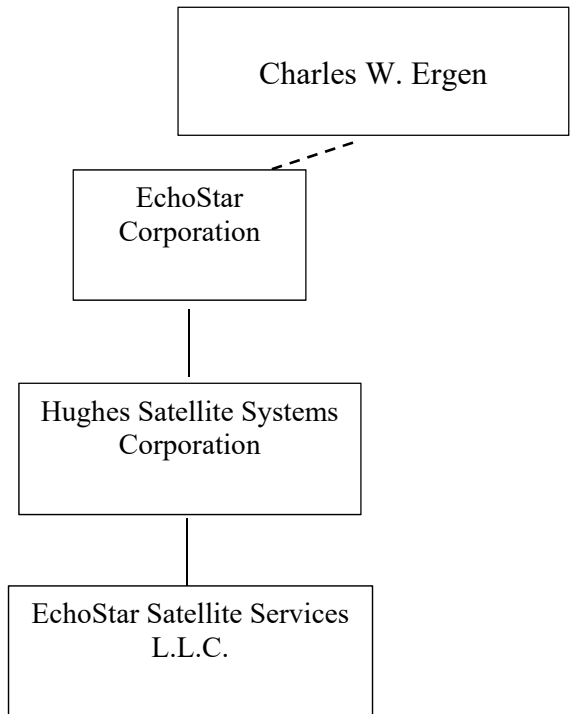
**Pre-Closing Ownership Diagram**



Legend

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

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Post-Closing Ownership Diagram**



Legend

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