

STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Pantelis Michalopoulos
202.429.6494
pmichalo@steptoe.com

1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036-1795
Tel 202.429.3000
Fax 202.429.3902
steptoe.com

March 15, 2004

Via HAND DELIVERY

RECEIVED

MAR 15 2004

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

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: **EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.**
Relinquishment of Space Station Authorization – SAT-LOA-19940512-00028
Withdrawal of Pending Modification Application – SAT-MOD-19961227-00144
Call Sign S2142

Dear Ms. Dortch,

EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. (“EchoStar”) hereby (1) relinquishes its space station authorization for a conventional Ku-band Fixed-Satellite Service (“FSS”) satellite at 83° W.L., and (2) withdraws its pending application to modify that authorization to add a C-band payload to the proposed satellite.¹

¹ See File No.’s SAT-LOA-19940512-00028 (old file no. 00036-DSS-P/LA-94) and SAT-MOD-19961227-00144 (Call Sign S2142); see also *In the Matter of the Application of EchoStar Satellite Corporation for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate Space Stations in the Domestic Fixed-Satellite Service*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 11 FCC Rcd. 20446 (1996). This letter does not concern EchoStar’s license for a Ku-band FSS satellite at 121° W.L. or for a Ka-band FSS satellite at 83° W.L.

Marlene H. Dortch
March 15, 2004
Page 2

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Pantelis Michalopoulos
Counsel for EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.

cc: Thomas Tycz
Fern Jarmulnek
Cassandra Thomas
Andrea Kelly
Kathleen Campbell