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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

March 31, 2008

BY HAND

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Bond Reduction for EchoStar-97W

SAT-LOA-20030827-00186, SAT-AMD-20031203-00345, SAT-MOD-20050308-00059 Call Sign S2499

Dear Ms. Dortch

EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar") hereby submits the attached bond rider substituting EchoStar Corporation for EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. as the named principal on the performance bond submitted in connection with the above-referenced space station authorization. This substitution reflects the *pro forma* assignment and transfer of control of this authorization to EchoStar Holding Corporation, approved by the International Bureau on November 15, 2007, and consummated on January 1, 2008. See File Nos. SAT-ASG-20071108-00153, SAT-T/C-20071108-00151; Letter from Petra A. Vorwig, Counsel for EchoStar Holding Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed Jan. 8, 2008). EchoStar Holding Corporation later changed its name to EchoStar Corporation on January 25, 2008. See Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel for EchoStar Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed Jan. 31, 2008). All other terms and conditions of the bond, including the bond amount, remain unchanged.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions about this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pantelis Michalopoulos

Counsel for EchoStar Corporation

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Attachment (Rider for Bond No. 08727168)

cc:

Andrea Kelly, International Bureau

GENERAL SURETY RIDER

To be attached and form a part of

Bond No.: <u>08727168</u>

Original Effective Date: 4/5/2004

(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

Executed by: EchoStar Satellite L.L.C., as Principal,

(PRINCIPAL)

and by: Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, as Surety,

(SURETY)

and in favor of: US Treasury.

(OBLIGEE)

In consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained the Principal and the Surety hereby consent to changing

INFORMATION	FROM	ТО
Principal Name	EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.	ECHOSTAR CORPORATION

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly stated.

This rider is effective January 25, 2008.

Signed and Sealed February 11, 2008.

	ECHOSTAR CORPORATION PRINCIPAL
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	Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
BY:	Shelley Craftonista
	Shelley Czajkowski, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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LOCKTON COMPANIES OF COLURADO, INC.

Power of Attorney FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, corporations of the States of Maryland, by M. P. HAMMOND, Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse saile hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint william in CONNELL, JR., Shelley CZAJKOWSKI, Celeste T. HELMS, Mong D. WEAVER, Amy VICESTO, Anuj JAIN, Katalin CHURCH and Sheila J MONTOYA, all of Denver, Colorado, EACH its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed: any and all bonds and undertakings, and the execution of such bonds are undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, all they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office Baltimore, Md., in their own proper persons. This power of attorney revokes that issued on behalf of William M. O'CONNELL, JR., Shelley CZAJKOWSKI, Celeste T. HELMS, Mona D. WEAVER, Amy WICKETT, dated October 31, 2006.

The said Assistant Secretary does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President and Assistant Secretary have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, this 6th day of December, A.D. 2006.

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ATTEST:

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY



Eric D. Barnes Assistant Secretary

M. P. Hammond

Vice President

State of Maryland City of Baltimore Ss:

On this 6th day of December, A.D. 2006, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, came M. P. HAMMOND, Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself deposeth and saith, that they are the said officers of the Companies aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 14, 2011

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EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

"Article VI, Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Executive Vice-President, or any of the Senior Vice-Presidents or Vice-Presidents specially authorized so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee. shall have power, by and with the concurrence of the Secretary or any one of the Assistant Secretaries, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Company may require, or to authorize any person or persons to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertaking, recognizances, stipulations, policies, contracts, agreements, deeds, and releases and assignments of judgements, decrees, mortgages and instruments in the nature of mortgages,...and to affix the seal of the Company thereto."

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

"Article VI, Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Executive Vice-President, or any of the Senior Vice-Presidents or Vice-Presidents specially authorized so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, shall have power, by and with the concurrence of the Secretary or any one of the Assistant Secretaries, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Company may require, or to authorize any person or persons to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertaking, recognizances, stipulations, policies, contracts, agreements, deeds, and releases and assignments of judgements, decrees, mortgages and instruments in the nature of mortgages,...and to affix the seal of the Company thereto."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the Vice-President who executed the said Power of Attorney was one of the additional Vice-Presidents specially authorized by the Board of Directors to appoint any Attorney-in-Fact as provided in Article VI, Section 2, of the respective By-Laws of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990 and of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies.

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