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Office of the Secretary

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

Re: EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation; USABSS-37 ITU Region 2 BSS Modification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

With this letter, EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation ("EchoStar") is enclosing draft correspondence and a CD-ROM for submission to the International Telecommunication Union ("ITU"), responding to an inquiry dated 31 August 2012, regarding the ITU Region 2 BSS modification request submitted on behalf of EchoStar for its USABSS-37 network. EchoStar's responses are consistent with the technical information previously submitted to the Commission with EchoStar's applications for authority to launch and operate the EchoStar 16 satellite, which will operate under the USABSS-37 ITU network filing.

EchoStar respectfully requests that the Commission forward the enclosed letter and CD-ROM materials to the ITU. EchoStar is aware that, as a result of the actions taken at the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference, processing fees will be charged by the ITU for satellite network filings. As a consequence, Commission applicants are responsible for any and all fees charged by the ITU. EchoStar hereby states that it is aware of, and unconditionally accepts, this requirement and its responsibility to pay any ITU costs recovery fees associated with the aforementioned ITU filing in a timely manner. In addition, all correspondence with EchoStar regarding ITU cost recovery issues should be directed to the undersigned.

¹ See File Nos. SAT-MOD-20120829-00144; SAT-LOA-20110902-00172.



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Respectfully submitted,

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