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Fern Jarmulnek, Acting Chief Satellite Division, International Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation, Certification of EchoStar 16 Operations, File No. SAT-LOA-20110902-00172 (Call Sign S2844)

Dear Ms. Jarmulnek:

On behalf of EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation ("EchoStar"), this letter certifies to the Commission pursuant to condition 4 of the above referenced application grant that the EchoStar 16 satellite has been successfully placed into orbit, is operational, and conforms to the terms and conditions of its authorization. The satellite became operational at 61.5° W.L. on February 14, 2013. EchoStar will continue to operate the satellite pursuant to the above referenced authorization and attendant conditions.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Jaime Londono

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