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The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Certification that EchoStar IX Has Been Successfully Placed Into Orbit at the 121° W.L. Orbit Location -- File Nos. 167-SAT-P/LA-95; 168-SAT-P/LA-95; 54-SAT-AMEND-96; SAT-MOD-20010608-00055; SAT-AMD-20030127-00004; 36-DSS-LA-94; 37-DSS-P/LA-94; 154-SAT; AMEND-95; SAT-MOD-20010608-00054

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the Section 25.121(d)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.121(d)(1), EchoStar Satellite Corporation hereby certifies that the EchoStar IX satellite, which was launched on August 7, 2003, was successfully placed into the 121° W.L. orbital location on August 19, 2003, and to EchoStar's knowledge the operations the EchoStar payloads on the satellite fully conform to the terms and conditions of its space station authorizations.¹ EchoStar will notify the Commission when in-orbit testing of its licensed payloads on the satellite has been completed.

¹ *EchoStar Satellite Corporation*, Order and Authorization, File Nos. 167-SAT-P/LA-95; 168-SAT-P/LA-95; 54-SAT-AMEND-96; SAT-MOD-20010608-00055; SAT-AMD-20030127-00004, DA 03-2559 (rel. Aug. 1, 2003); *EchoStar Satellite Corporation*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 11 FCC Rcd 20446 (1996).


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