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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Int'l Bureau

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Front Office

Re: Rainbow 1 DBS Satellite, File Nos. **SAT-MOD-20020408-00062**, SAT-STA-20030623-00122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Rainbow DBS Company LLC ("Rainbow DBS"), this letter serves to notify the Commission of the operational status of the Rainbow 1 DBS satellite. Rainbow DBS has completed testing of Rainbow 1 and is now operating the satellite on the 11 channels for which it is authorized to operate pursuant to its license (File No. SAT-MOD-20020408-00062) and the two channels which it is authorized to operate on pursuant to Special Temporary Authority ("STA") (File No. SAT-STA-20030623-00122).

Rainbow DBS will notify the Commission when it begins offering service to the public. Please address any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Counsel for Rainbow DBS Company LLC

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Policy Branch
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cc: Mr. Steven Pontillo

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