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Policy Branch
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**Re: EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation -- Relinquishment of Space Station
Authorization and Withdrawal of Modification Application; File Nos. SAT-MOD-
20031219-00372 and SAT-MOD-20050513-00103**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation ("EchoStar") hereby relinquishes the above-referenced space station authorization (SAT-MOD-20031219-00372), which grants EchoStar authority to operate the EchoStar 4 DBS satellite at the 157° W.L. orbital location on channels 1, 7, and 11.¹ In addition, EchoStar withdraws its pending modification application (SAT-MOD-20050513-00103), which sought authority to remove the EchoStar 4 satellite from the 157° W.L. orbital location for more than 90 days without terminating its authorization for channels 1, 7, and 11 at that location.²

¹ For the avoidance of any doubt, EchoStar is not hereby relinquishing its authorization with respect to the eight channels at 148° W.L. granted at the same time as the three channels at 157° W.L. See *EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.*, DA 04-1510, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 9396 (Sat. Div., Int'l Bur. 2003).

² See 47 C.F.R. § 25.161(c).

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If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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