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Dear Secretary,

This evening we attempted to file the attached letter on behalf of EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation to demonstrate completion of its critical design review for the satellite authorized under SAT-MOD-20041008-00196, Call Sign S2490.

Unfortunately, IBFS was not functioning properly, and we were not able to file the attachment. We have simultaneously filed an original and four paper copies of this document with the Commission.

We request that you accept the attached letter as timely filed.

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Thank you.

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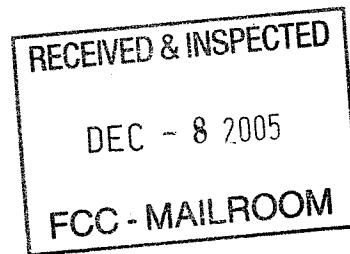
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Re: EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation, File No. SAT-MOD-2004100-00196, Call Sign S2490

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 25.164(d) of the Commission's rules¹ and the Commission's *First Space Station Licensing Reform Order*,² EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation ("EchoStar") hereby submits a certification of completion of the critical design review ("CDR") milestone set forth in its authorization to operate a Ka-band fixed-satellite service ("FSS") satellite at 117° W.L.³ See Attachment 1. EchoStar is separately submitting an unredacted version of the CDR report and action items list produced pursuant to EchoStar's contract with Space Systems/Loral ("SSL") (marked as Attachment 2) with a request that it be treated as confidential and not routinely available for public inspection pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457 and

¹ 47 C.F.R. §25.164(d).

² *In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies; Mitigation of Orbital Debris*, FCC 03-102, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in IB Docket No. 02-34, and First Report and Order in IB Docket No. 02-54, 18 FCC Rcd 10760, at ¶ 191 (2003) (requiring that a licensee submit evidence that it has met the critical design review milestone.) ("*First Space Station Licensing Reform Order*").

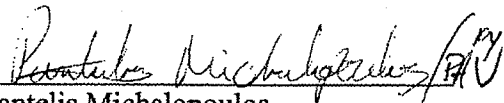
³ See Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-MOD-20041008-00196 (granted Dec. 6, 2004) (modifying Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-LOA-20030827-00177 (granted Dec. 8, 2003)).

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0.459.⁴ A cover sheet representing the redacted version of this attachment is being submitted with this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures


⁴ See Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel to EchoStar, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, dated December 8, 2005.

ATTACHMENT 1

CERTIFICATION

I, David Bair, certify under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am the Senior Vice President, Space Programs and Operations of EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), the ultimate parent of EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation.
2. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, EchoStar has completed critical design review of its proposed Ka-band geostationary orbit fixed-satellite service ("FSS") satellite to be located at the 117° W.L. orbital location.
3. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, EchoStar has met every milestone and fulfilled all of its obligations under its manufacturing contract with Space Systems/Loral, as of the date hereof.



David Bair

December 8, 2005

ATTACHMENT 2

(Redacted)