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BY HAND

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Policy Branch
International Bureau

Re: **Bond Reduction for EchoStar-117W**
SAT-LOA-20030827-00177, SAT-MOD-20041008-00196, SAT-MOD-20041208-00218
Call Sign S2490

Dear Ms. Dortch

EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation ("EchoStar") hereby files the attached bond rider with the Commission reducing the amount of the performance bond for the above-referenced space station authorization from \$2.25 million to \$1.5 million. Please find attached five copies of the bond rider, and one additional copy to be date-stamped and returned to us with our messenger.

On March 2, 2006, the International Bureau determined that EchoStar had met the Critical Design Review milestone for this space station authorization. See Public Notice, DA 06-567 (rel. Mar. 10, 2006). As a result, EchoStar is entitled to reduce the amount of the bond for this authorization by \$750,000 as provided in *Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies*, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, IB Docket No. 02-34, 18 FCC Rcd 10760 (2003), and First Order on Reconsideration and Fifth Report and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 12637 (2004) and Section 25.165 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.165(d).

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions about this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Pantelis Michalopoulos in cursive script. To the right of the signature, there is a small handwritten note that reads "by [initials]".

Pantelis Michalopoulos
Counsel for EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation

Attachment (Rider for Bond No. 08727120)

Cc: Andrea Kelly
Kathleen Campbell



Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland

Home Office: P.O. Box 1227, Baltimore, MD 21203-1227

Bond No. 08727120

RIDER

To be attached to and form a part of License Bond, No. 08727120 dated the 7th day of January, 2004 issued by the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, as Surety, on behalf of EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. (formerly known as EchoStar Satellite Corporation), as Principal, in the maximum penal sum of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00), and in favor of United States Treasury, as Obligee.

In consideration of the premium charged for the attached bond, and in accordance with revised rules governing bonds for Geostationary Satellite authorizations, In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies, *First Order of Reconsideration and Fifth Report and Order*, FCC 04-147, 2004 FCC LEXIS 3782, which become effective on September 20, 2004, 69 Fed. Reg. 51586 (Aug 20, 2004), it is hereby agreed that the attached bond be amended as follows:

1. The maximum penal sum of the bond is hereby decreased from TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,250,000) TO ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00)
2. Upon completion of each milestone, confirmation of which will be filed with the FCC by the Principal, and issuance of a Public Notice confirming same, the maximum penal sum of the bond shall be reduced by \$750,000.00 via a rider to this bond sent to the Federal Communications Commission and the Obligee.

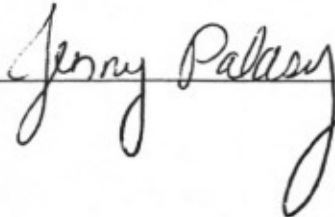
Provided, However, that the attached bond shall be subject to all its agreements, limitations and conditions except as herein expressly modified, and further that the liability of the Surety under the attached bond and the attached bond as amended by this rider shall not be cumulative.


This rider shall become effective the 15th day of March 2006.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of March 2006

ATTEST:

EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. (formerly known as EchoStar Satellite Corporation)



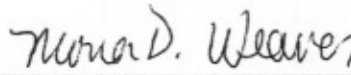


Principal

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

ACCEPTED:
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

BY: _____
Marlene H. Dortch

By: 

Mona D. Weaver, Attorney-in-Fact



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**Power of Attorney
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, corporations of the State of Maryland, by WILLIAM J. MILLS, Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint **William M. O'CONNELL, JR., Shelley CZAJKOWSKI, Celeste T. HELMS, Garry L. WESSELINK, Karen A. FEGGESTAD, Mona D. WEAVER, Deanna M. ROBICHAUD and Amy WICKETT, all of Denver, Colorado, EACH** its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office in Baltimore, Md., in their own proper persons. This power of attorney revokes that issued on behalf of William M. O'CONNELL, JR., Shelley CZAJKOWSKI, Celeste T. HELMS, Garry L. WESSELINK, Karen A. FEGGESTAD, Mona D. WEAVER, Deanna M. ROBICHAUD, Amy WICKETT, dated April 21, 2004.

The said Assistant Secretary does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President and Assistant Secretary have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, this 28th day of February, A.D. 2005.

ATTEST:

**FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY**



Eric D. Barnes

Eric D. Barnes Assistant Secretary

By:

William J. Mills

William J. Mills

Vice President

State of Maryland }
City of Baltimore } ss:

On this 28th day of February, A.D. 2005, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, came WILLIAM J. MILLS, Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself depose and saith, that they are the said officers of the Companies aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



Constance A. Dunn

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 14, 2007

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

"Article VI, Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Executive Vice-President, or any of the Senior Vice-Presidents or Vice-Presidents specially authorized so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, shall have power, by and with the concurrence of the Secretary or any one of the Assistant Secretaries, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Company may require, or to authorize any person or persons to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertaking, recognizances, stipulations, policies, contracts, agreements, deeds, and releases and assignments of judgements, decrees, mortgages and instruments in the nature of mortgages,....and to affix the seal of the Company thereto."

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

"Article VI, Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Executive Vice-President, or any of the Senior Vice-Presidents or Vice-Presidents specially authorized so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, shall have power, by and with the concurrence of the Secretary or any one of the Assistant Secretaries, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Company may require, or to authorize any person or persons to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertaking, recognizances, stipulations, policies, contracts, agreements, deeds, and releases and assignments of judgements, decrees, mortgages and instruments in the nature of mortgages,....and to affix the seal of the Company thereto."

CERTIFICATE

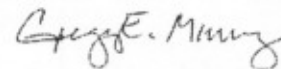
I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the Vice-President who executed the said Power of Attorney was one of the additional Vice-Presidents specially authorized by the Board of Directors to appoint any Attorney-in-Fact as provided in Article VI, Section 2, of the respective By-Laws of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990 and of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies,

this 23rd day of March, 2006.



Assistant Secretary