



International Bureau

Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

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1330 Connecticut Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: DISH Operating L.L.C.  
IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20091027-00114

Dear Mr. Michalopoulos,

This letter requests additional information concerning the above-referenced application filed by DISH Operating L.L.C. (DISH). DISH requests authority to cease operations on its authorized direct broadcast service (DBS) channels at the 147.925° W.L. orbital location until it can resume operations in 2011. DISH states this request is necessitated by the unexpected failure of the EchoStar 5 satellite, which was located at the 147.925° W.L. orbital location until July 2009. In its application, DISH states that it expects to relocate the EchoStar 8 satellite, currently at 77° W.L., to the 147.925° W.L. orbital location once the Quetzsat-1 satellite is launched to 77° W.L. in 2011.<sup>1</sup>

To assist the Commission in processing this application, DISH should supplement the application by filing an amendment that includes the following information:

- 1) In March 2003 EchoStar Satellite Corporation, an affiliate of DISH, represented that the EchoStar 8 satellite experienced a thruster anomaly during launch that rendered the space craft less than optimally reliable.<sup>2</sup> Please provide information regarding the current condition of the EchoStar 8 satellite, which will be under DISH's control at the 147.925° W.L. orbital location, including estimated fuel remaining and the date of the satellite's expected end-of-life. Further, please specify when DISH expects to commence EchoStar 8's operations at the 147.925° W.L. orbital location. In addition, please explain DISH's proposal to relocate EchoStar 8 to 147.925° W.L. in light of EchoStar Corporation's pending application for authority to

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<sup>1</sup> DISH Operating L.L.C., IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20091027-00114, at 2.

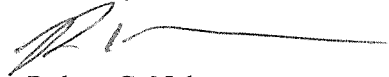
<sup>2</sup> EchoStar Satellite Corporation, SAT-MOD-20030303-00024.

transfer the EchoStar 8 satellite to QuetzSat S. de R.L. de C.V., and operate EchoStar 8 at the 77° W.L. orbital location under Mexican authority.<sup>3</sup>

- 2) Please provide the current state of construction progress and anticipated launch date for the QuetzSat-1 satellite.

DISH's amendment must be filed with the Commission's Secretary within 15 days of the date of this letter, with a courtesy copy to Alyssa Roberts of my staff. Failure to respond by this date may result in dismissal of this application. Please contact Alyssa at (202) 418-7276 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Nelson  
Chief, Satellite Division  
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<sup>3</sup> EchoStar Corporation, IBFS File No. SAT-T/C-20090217-00026.