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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation, Section 1.65 Update to File No. SAT-MOD-20120814-00130**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation (“ESOC” and, together with its affiliates, “EchoStar”) files this letter to update the Commission on events affecting its recent modification application for the EchoStar 15 satellite to permit operations into Brazil from the nominal 45° W.L. orbital location.<sup>1</sup>

Until recently ESOC had anticipated that its EchoStar 16 satellite would launch in time to free EchoStar 15 for service at 44.9° W.L. Thus, in its original application, ESOC requested that the Commission modify its authorization to permit operations from 44.9° W.L. on the date on which all traffic was successfully transitioned from EchoStar 15 to EchoStar 16 at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location.<sup>2</sup> As the Commission is aware, however, the recent failure of the Proton M/Briz M launch vehicle has delayed the launch of EchoStar 16.<sup>3</sup> EchoStar now expects the EchoStar 16 satellite to launch on or about November 20, 2012.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> File No. SAT-MOD-20120814-00130 (filed Aug. 14, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 6.

<sup>3</sup> See File Nos. SAT-LOA-20110902-00172 (filed Sept. 2, 2011); SAT-STA-20110902-00171 (filed Sept. 2, 2011); SAT-STA-20120315-00049 (filed Mar. 15, 2012).

<sup>4</sup> See Letter from Stephanie A. Roy, Counsel for EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC (Oct. 16, 2012), *filed in* File Nos. SAT-STA-20120315-00049; SES-STA-20120614-00508; ES-STA-20120316-00275; SES-STA-20120316-00274.

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To permit EchoStar 15 to relocate to 44.9° W.L. in a timely manner, EchoStar recently requested authority to operate the QuetzSat-1 satellite from the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location to free EchoStar 15 for service at 44.9° W.L.<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, ESOC asks that EchoStar 15's modified authority commence instead upon completion of the transfer of traffic from EchoStar 15 to QuetzSat-1.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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/s/

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<sup>5</sup> File No. SES-STA-20120926-00852 (filed Sept. 26, 2012).