Response to Question 36

On July 26, 2011, the FCC declared null and void an authorization of EchoStar Corporation, Hughes' parent company, to construct, launch, and operate a new Direct Broadcast Satellite at 86.5° W.L. for failure to meet the critical design review milestone, and rejected EchoStar's request to modify its 86.5° W.L. authorization to allow the in-orbit EchoStar 8 satellite to provide service from that orbital location.¹

The FCC also has denied a few of Hughes' and EchoStar's applications for initial license or modification.²

The FCC has dismissed, but not denied on the merits, a few of EchoStar's license applications without prejudice to refiling.³

¹ See EchoStar Corporation, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 10,442 (IB 2011).

² See Satellite Communications Services Information Re: Actions Taken, Public Notice, Rpt. No. SES-00847 (IB rel. Aug. 16, 2006) (denying HNS License Sub, LLC's, request for extension of construction milestones regarding File Nos. SES-MOD-20060404-00560 and SES-MOD-20060404-00561); EchoStar Satellite LLC, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 7846 (IB 2004) (denying applications to launch and operate four geostationary satellites because of interference concerns); EchoStar Satellite LLC, Order, 20 FCC Rcd 12,027 (IB 2005); EchoStar Satellite Corporation, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 8831 (IB 2002) (denying request to extend construction milestone dates); EchoStar Satellite Corporation, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 14,300 (IB 2001).

³ See, e.g., Letter from Robert G. Nelson, Chief, Satellite Division, to Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel for EchoStar Corporation, 24 FCC Rcd 7132 (IB 2009); *EchoStar Corporation, Application to Operate a C-Band Geostationary Satellite Orbit Satellite in the Fixed-Satellite Service at the 84.9° W.L. Orbital Location*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 25 FCC Rcd 10,193 (IB 2010); Letter from Paul E. Blais, Chief, Systems Analysis Branch, Satellite Division, to Alison Minea, Corporate Counsel, EchoStar Broadcasting Corporation, 28 FCC Rcd 10,214 (IB 2013); Letter from Paul E. Blais, Chief, Systems Analysis Branch, Satellite Division, to Alison Minea, Corporate Counsel, EchoStar Broadcasting Corporation, 28 FCC Rcd 10,216 (IB 2013).