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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
455 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Petition for an Order to Show Cause Why Its License to Construct, Launch and Operate its GE-2 Satellite at 85° W.L. Should Not Be Revoked; File No. SAT-MS-C-19970113-00001

Dear Ms. Dortch:

EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. ("EchoStar") hereby withdraws the Emergency Petition for Order to Show Cause ("Petition") that it filed on January 13, 1997 in the above referenced matter.¹ Subsequent events have made EchoStar's Petition moot. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ EchoStar was known as EchoStar Satellite Corporation at the time the Petition was filed. GE American Communications, Inc. is now known as SES Americom, Inc.