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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: **EchoStar Satellite L.L.C., Request for Bond Reduction**
File Nos. SES-LFS-20040831-01253, SES-LIC-20050621-00799

Telesat Canada, Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Add Anik F3 to the Permitted List, File No. SAT-PPL-20060516-00061; Call Sign S2703

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 20, 2005, the Commission granted EchoStar Satellite, L.L.C. ("EchoStar") a blanket authorization to provide Direct-to-Home Fixed Satellite Service to earth stations in the United States using the Anik F3 satellite, which is owned and will be operated by Telesat Canada ("Telesat") pursuant to a Canadian license.¹ On January 19, 2006, EchoStar submitted a \$3 million bond and simultaneously requested that it be permitted to reduce the amount of the bond from \$3 million to \$750,000 because it had met three of the four implementation milestones set forth in its authorization.² On May 16, 2006, Telesat filed a petition for declaratory ruling to add Anik F3 to the Permitted List and sought a bond reduction or waiver based on EchoStar's submission of a bond for the same satellite and the satellite's substantial construction.³

On July 10, 2006, Telesat submitted two redacted versions of its spacecraft construction contract with EADS Astrium SAS ("Astrium"), one of which included

¹ *EchoStar Satellite, LLC; For Blanket Authorization To Operate 1,000,000 Receive-Only Earth Stations To Provide Direct-to-Home Fixed Satellite Service in the United States Using the Canadian-Authorized ANIK F3 Satellite at the 118.7 [degrees] W.L. Orbital Location; For Authority to Operate Two 9.0 Meter Antennas in the Ku-band in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Order and Authorization, 20 FCC Rcd 20083 (2005).*

² Letter from Philip L. Malet, Counsel for EchoStar Satellite L.L.C., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, *Re: EchoStar Satellite L.L.C., Authorization to Operate Earth Stations with Telesat Canada's Anik F3 Satellite, File Nos. SES-LFS-20040831-01253, SES-LIC-20050621-00799* (filed Jan. 19, 2006).

³ Telesat Canada, *Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Add Anik F3 to the Permitted Space Station List, File No. File No. SAT-PPL-20060516-00061* (filed May 16, 2006); *Public Notice, Policy Branch Information, Space Station Applications Accepted for Filing, Report No. SAT-00366* (June 2, 2006).

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all relevant price and specification terms. By letter of November 17, 2006, the Commission requested an unredacted version.

Accordingly, Telesat hereby submits the full and unedited Anik F3 construction contract so that the Bureau can verify EchoStar's compliance with the contract execution milestone requirement, and Telesat's request for a bond reduction or waiver. Because the contract and the information contained therein are proprietary and confidential to Telesat and Astrium, the complete contract is being submitted under separate cover with a request for confidential treatment.⁴ Telesat requests the Commission return or destroy the lightly redacted version filed in July, and to either prohibit public access to the unredacted contract or confine inspection using the process set forth in Section 0.461 of the Rules.⁵

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ See Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies, Mitigation of Orbital Debris, First Report and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 10760, 10832 (2003) (¶ 187) ("First Space Station Reform Order").

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.461 (2005).