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William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: EchoStar Satellite Corporation
FCC File No. 139-SAT-STA-96
Directsat Corporation
FCC File No. 138-SAT-STA-96

Dear Mr. Caton:

On August 16, 1996, this office, on behalf of TEMPO Satellite, Inc. ("TEMPO"), filed a petition to deny the applications of EchoStar Satellite Corporation ("EchoStar") and Directsat Corporation ("Directsat") referenced above for temporary authority to use direct broadcast satellite frequencies allocated to TEMPO at 119° W.L. On August 26, 1996, EchoStar and Directsat responded to TEMPO's petition by filing a pleading styled as a "Joint Reply."

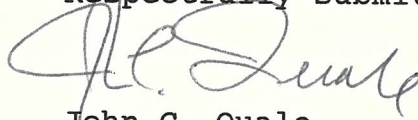
Pursuant to Section 25.154(d) of the Commission's Rules, which by Public Notice Report No. SPB-53 (July 17, 1996) expressly governs the pleading cycle for the applications, TEMPO has the right to submit a reply pleading "within 5 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired unless the Commission otherwise extends the filing deadline...." Because the filing date for oppositions is August 29, 1996, TEMPO may file a reply by September 6, 1996. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.4(g), (h); 25.154(d).

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TEMPO assumes that the "Joint Reply" of EchoStar and Directsat constitutes their opposition to TEMPO's petition. Accordingly, this is to advise the Commission that TEMPO intends to file a reply by September 6, 1996, to EchoStar and Directsat, and to any other party filing a timely opposition.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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