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Satellite Policy Branch
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Re: EchoStar Satellite Corporation
Directsat Corporation
Request for Special Temporary Authority
FCC File Nos. 155-SAT-STA-96, 156-SAT-STA-96

Dear Mr. Tycz:

TEMPO Satellite, Inc. ("TEMPO"), through its counsel, submits this letter in connection with your February 26, 1997 letter to Pantelis Michalopoulos, counsel to EchoStar Satellite Corporation and Directsat Corporation (hereinafter jointly referred to as "EchoStar"). EchoStar was instructed to supply additional information regarding its request for special temporary authority ("STA") to operate USABSS-3 and USABSS-4 at 119.05° W.L. and 118.95° W.L., respectively, and to address the potential for interference to TEMPO's satellite at 118.8° W.L., which will arrive on station on approximately April 11, 1997.

TEMPO herein advises the Commission that representatives of TEMPO and EchoStar have entered into discussions with respect to EchoStar's request to reposition USABSS-3 and USABSS-4. TEMPO has indicated to EchoStar that it may not object to the proposed relocation of USABSS-4 (its left hand circular polarized satellite) to a point further West of its currently authorized location, preferably to 119.1° W.L. Moving USABSS-4 to a point further West of its authorized location at 118.8° W.L. would reduce the ongoing coordination that would be necessary to operate two separately owned satellites in the same vicinity.

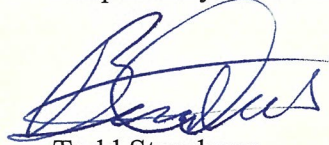
TEMPO remains concerned, however, about the potential for harmful interference that may result to its system at 118.8° W.L. if EchoStar is authorized to move USABSS-3 to the East of its currently licensed position, 119.2° W.L. In this respect, TEMPO looks forward to

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expeditiously reviewing the technical showing that EchoStar has indicated it is filing today in response to your request for additional information.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Stansbury".

Todd Stansbury
Bruce Olcott

cc: Pantelis Michalopoulos, counsel to EchoStar
Satellite Corporation and Directsat Corporation