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Mr. William F. Caton
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**Re: *In re* Application of MCI Telecommunications Corporation
For Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate a Direct
Broadcast Satellite System at 110° W.L. --
File No. 73-SAT-P/L-96**

Dear Mr. Caton:

EchoStar Satellite Corporation, EchoStar DBS Corporation and Directsat Corporation (collectively "EchoStar") hereby notify the Commission that they withdraw their Application for Review (filed January 6, 1997) of the International Bureau's Orders released December 6 and December 20, 1997 in the above-captioned proceeding. That Application for Review is no longer necessary to protect EchoStar's interests. Accordingly, in the spirit of avoiding unnecessary litigation, EchoStar respectfully withdraws its Application for Review.

Respectfully submitted,



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