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**Re: EchoStar Satellite Corporation and Directsat Corporation
File No. SAT-STA-19980505-00042 (Old File Nos. 112-SAT-STA-98;
113-SAT-STA-98)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of EchoStar Satellite Corporation ("EchoStar") and Directsat Corporation ("Directsat"), I am writing to withdraw the above-captioned Consolidated Emergency Alternative Requests for Special Temporary Authority ("Consolidated STA Requests"), filed May 5, 1998, to the extent that the Consolidated STA Requests are still pending. In the Consolidated STA Requests, EchoStar and Directsat requested temporary authority to operate two of their Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") satellites, EchoStar 1 and EchoStar 2, at 119.2° W.L. and 119.05° W.L., respectively.

EchoStar 1 and EchoStar 2 are now located at the 148° W.L. orbital location, mooted those requests to the extent they have not already been acted upon by the Commission.¹ Accordingly, there is no need to burden Commission resources with further processing of the Consolidated STA Requests.

¹ See *EchoStar Satellite Corporation*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 13 FCC Rcd. 8595 (1998) (granting EchoStar authority to operate EchoStar 1 at the 148° W.L. orbital location). EchoStar 2 operates over the 16 even-numbered DBS channels at the 148° W.L. orbital location pursuant to Special Temporary Authority. See File No. SAT-STA-20030115-00002.

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Please call the undersigned if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



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