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ECHO STAR SATELLITE CORPORATION
A Part of the EchoStar Group of Companies

February 25, 2003

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau - Satellites
P.O. Box 358210
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5210



File # SAT-STA20030005-00018
With Attached Conditions
Call Sign Grant Date 3/12/03
(or other identifier)
Term Dates
From 3/12/03 To: 5/12/03
Approved: [Signature]

**Re: Application for Renewal of Special Temporary Authority to Operate
a Direct Broadcast Satellite to the 110° W.L. Orbital Location,
File No. _____**

EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 309(c)(2)(G) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 309(c)(2)(G), EchoStar Satellite Corporation ("EchoStar") hereby requests renewal of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate its EchoStar 6 satellite at the 110° W.L. orbital location over the channels licensed to EchoStar at 110° W.L. for a period of 30 days pending the filing of a modification application to allow regular operation. EchoStar 6 arrived at the 110° W.L. orbital location from 119° W.L. on February 10, 2003. Enclosed is an FCC Form 159 and a check in the amount of \$145.00 to cover applicable filing fees. Also enclosed is an additional copy, which we ask that you date stamp and return with our messenger.

On January 23, 2003, EchoStar requested STA to move EchoStar 6 from the 119° W.L. orbital location to 110° W.L. and operate it at that location in order to provide sufficient redundancy because the EchoStar 8 satellite, recently launched to that location, has suffered a thruster anomaly that renders the spacecraft less than optimally reliable.¹ EchoStar requested expedited action due to the impending eclipse season that significantly increased the risk of the satellite relocation and the need to ensure uninterrupted service to customers. The FCC's International Bureau granted STA until March 1, 2003.² EchoStar 6 arrived at the 110° W.L.

¹ See File No. SAT-STA-20030124-00005.

² See Exhibit 1.

EchoStar 6 – Special Temporary Authority
File No. SAT-STA-20030225-00018

- 1) EchoStar 6 shall not cause harmful interference to any lawfully operating radiocommunication system and the operations of EchoStar 6 shall cease immediately upon notification of such harmful interference.
- 2) This STA is granted without prejudice to the Commission's action on EchoStar Satellite Corporation's underlying application for permanent authority, File No. SAT-MOD-20030303-00024.