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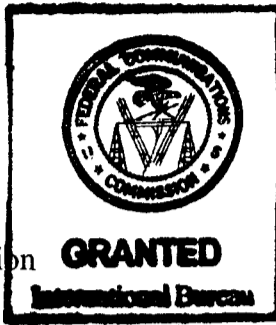
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Policy Branch
International Bureau

March 24, 2003

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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



File # SAT-STA-20030325-00057

With Attached Conditions

Call Sign _____ Grant Date April 30, 2003
(or other identifier)

Term Dates

From April 30, 2003 To: May 30, 2003 or until the

Approved: Jeanette M. Gels underlying
modification application is granted, whichever is earlier.

Re: Application for Renewal of Special Temporary Authority to Operate a Direct Broadcast Satellite at the 119° W.L. Orbital Location, File No.

DBS8801 SAT-STA-20030325-00057
EchoStar Satellite Corporation
EchoStar 5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 309(f), EchoStar Satellite Corporation ("EchoStar") hereby requests renewal of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate its EchoStar 5 satellite at the 119.05° W.L. orbital location and operate it over the channels licensed to EchoStar at 119° W.L. for a period of 180 days or until the Commission acts on EchoStar's previously-filed modification application to allow regular operation. EchoStar 5 has been moved to the 119° W.L. orbital location and is currently in temporary operations at that location. Enclosed is an FCC Form 159 and a check in the amount of \$145.00 to cover the applicable filing fee. Also enclosed is an additional copy of the application, which we ask you date stamp and return with our messenger.

On February 25, 2003, EchoStar requested STA to move EchoStar 5 from the 110° W.L. orbital location to 119° W.L. and operate it at that location. The FCC's International Bureau granted that request until April 1, 2003.¹ On March 3, 2003, EchoStar filed an application for minor modification seeking regular authority to operate the EchoStar 5 satellite over the channels licensed to EchoStar at the 119° W.L. orbital location.² That application was

¹ See File No. SAT-STA-20030225-00017 (Exhibit 1).

² See File No. SAT-MOD-20030303-00027. In the application for minor modification, EchoStar also seeks authority to operate the EchoStar 6 satellite over the channels licensed to EchoStar at 110° W.L.

Attachment
EchoStar 5 – Special Temporary Authority
File No. SAT-STA-20030225-00017

- 1) During the drift of the Echostar 5 satellite from the 110° W.L. to 119° W.L. orbital location, EchoStar Satellite Corporation (EchoStar) shall coordinate its TT&C operations with existing geostationary satellites to ensure that no unacceptable interference results from its TT&C operations;
- 2) EchoStar shall not operate the communications payload of the EchoStar 5 satellite while it is in drift;
- 3) EchoStar shall coordinate use of EchoStar 5's command frequency with DIRECTV pursuant to the letter from DIRECTV dated February 19, 2003.

