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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission International Bureau - Satellites P.O. Box 358210 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5210 ECHO4 SAT-STA-20040206-00080 EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. EchoStar IV

Re: Request of EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. for Special Temporary
Authority to Operate EchoStar IV at the 157° W.L. Orbital Location

On Alternative Channels; File No.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. ("EchoStar"), enclosed please find for filing an original and nine copies of an application for Special Temporary Authority to operate the EchoStar IV satellite on alternative channels at the 157° W.L. orbital location. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$145.00 for the applicable filing fee, a completed FCC Form 159, and an additional copy, which we ask you to date stamp and return with our messenger.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Pantelis Michalopoulos

Counsel for EchoStar Satellite L.L.C.

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Enclosures

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