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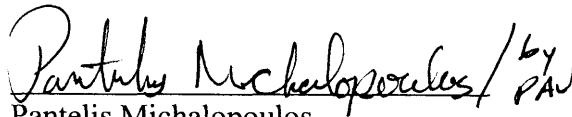
Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EchoStar Corporation, Status Report**
File No. SAT-STA-20070926-00133

Dear Ms. Dortch,

EchoStar Corporation hereby submits for the public file a redacted version of a Status Report describing the operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite and the status of the replacement satellite for the EchoStar 3 satellite. An unredacted version of this report is being submitted separately with a request for confidential treatment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457 and 0.459.

Yours sincerely,


Pantelis Michalopoulos
Counsel for EchoStar Corporation

cc:
Robert Nelson, International Bureau

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In the Matter of)	
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EchoStar Corporation)	
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Application for Extension and Modification of)	File No. SAT-STA-20070926-00133
Special Temporary Authority to Operate)	
Direct Broadcast Satellite Service over)	
Channels 23 and 24 at the 61.5° W.L. Orbital)	
Location)	

STATUS REPORT

EchoStar Corporation submits a report on (1) the status of the replacement satellite for EchoStar 3, and (2) the operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite (including any change since July 3, 2007).¹ This report relates to EchoStar’s Special Temporary Authority to operate on the two unassigned DBS channels at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location.²

¹ Due to an administrative oversight, EchoStar did not file a status report on February 11, 2008. See *EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation*, File No. SAT-STA-20070926-00133, Stamp Grant (Nov. 14, 2007) (“*Stamp Grant*”). EchoStar requests that the Bureau accept this late filed report, which provides all pertinent information with respect to EchoStar’s current and planned use of the 61.5° W.L. orbital location from November 2007 to today. 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(c). EchoStar also informed the Commission of the replacement satellite’s status in its December 21, 2007 application to launch the AMC-14 satellite and operate it at 61.5° W.L. See File No. SAT-LOA-20071221-00183 (granted Mar. 12, 2008).

² The Special Temporary Authority was granted to EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation (“ESOC”). *Stamp Grant*. On January 1, 2008, ESOC assigned its STA to EchoStar Corporation (formerly known as EchoStar Holding Corporation) as part of a *pro forma* corporate reorganization and spin-off. See Public Notice, DA 07-4655 (rel. Nov. 16, 2007) (consenting to the transfer of several authorizations as part of the Spin-Off).

EchoStar 3. The operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite has not changed since EchoStar last reported on its status on July 3, 2007.³ The latest Spacecraft Health Report for EchoStar 3 is attached as Confidential Attachment 1.

Replacement Satellite. The AMC-14 satellite was designed as a replacement for EchoStar 3 at 61.5° W.L.,⁴ and was launched on March 14, 2008, pursuant to authority granted by the Commission on March 12, 2008.⁵ Due to an anomaly during the fourth stage of the launch, however, the satellite has not reached its intended orbit. As a result of this anomaly, EchoStar is working with SES Americom (the owner of AMC-14) and Lockheed Martin (the manufacturer of AMC-14) to evaluate the options available to the parties with respect to the AMC-14 satellite and the future of the 61.5° W.L. orbital location.

EchoStar continues to seek a satellite fleet design that will maximize its ability to compete with cable operators and DIRECTV, and to provide as much bandwidth-hungry High Definition (“HD”) services as possible to consumers.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ See Confidential Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel to EchoStar Satellite Operating Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, *filed in* IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20070329-00058 (filed July 3, 2007).

⁴ File No. SAT-LOA-20071221-00183 (granted Mar. 12, 2008).

⁵ *Id.*

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1

(Redacted)