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Via HAND DELIVERY

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-20080325-00082**

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 / Dan  
Counsel for EchoStar Corporation

cc:  
Robert Nelson, International Bureau

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of )  
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**EchoStar Corporation** )  
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Application for Renewal of Special ) File No. SAT-STA-20080325-00082  
Temporary Authority to Operate a )  
Direct Broadcast Satellite (“DBS”) Service )  
over Channels 23 and 24 at the 61.5° W.L. )  
Orbital Location )

**STATUS REPORT**

EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) submits a report on (1) the operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite (including any change since March 25, 2008), and (2) the status of the replacement satellite for EchoStar 3. This report is being filed pursuant to conditions 4 and 5 on EchoStar’s Special Temporary Authority to operate on the two unassigned DBS channels at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location.<sup>1</sup>

***EchoStar 3.*** The operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite has not changed since EchoStar last reported on its status on March 25, 2008.<sup>2</sup> 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.,<sup>3</sup> and was launched on March 14, 2008, pursuant to authority granted

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<sup>1</sup> See Stamp Grant at conditions 4 and 5, File No. SAT-STA-20080325-00082 (granted Apr. 1, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> See Confidential Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel to EchoStar Satellite Operating Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, filed in IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20080325-00082 (filed Mar. 25, 2008).

<sup>3</sup> File No. SAT-LOA-20071221-00183 (granted Mar. 12, 2008).

by the Commission on March 12, 2008.<sup>4</sup> Due to an anomaly during the fourth stage of the launch, however, the satellite has not reached its intended orbit and will not be deployed to the 61.5° W.L. orbital location.

EchoStar is in active negotiations with satellite manufacturers on a new replacement satellite for EchoStar 3 to operate at 61.5° W.L. It is a clear priority of the company to launch a new satellite to this location in expedited fashion to ensure continuity of service to DISH Network subscribers. 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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<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

**CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1**

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