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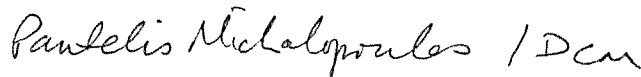
Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EchoStar Corporation, Status Report**
File No. SAT-STA-20080923-00193

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
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cc:
Robert Nelson, International Bureau

**Before the
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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-20080923-00193
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 June 30, 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.¹

EchoStar 3. The operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite has not changed since EchoStar last reported on it on June 30, 2008.² 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.,³ and was launched on March 14, 2008, pursuant to authority granted

¹ See Stamp Grant at conditions 4 and 5, File No. SAT-STA-20080923-00193 (granted Sep. 30, 2008).

² 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 June 30, 2008).

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

by the Commission on March 12, 2008.⁴ 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 has contracted with Space Systems Loral for the construction of EchoStar 15, a 32-transponder-capable DBS satellite that will effectively replace EchoStar 3 at 61.5° W.L.⁵ EchoStar 15 is expected to be ready for launch by the fourth quarter of 2010. Its launch will help EchoStar's customer, DISH Network, to meet increased consumer demand for High-Definition ("HD") services, as well as the Commission's HD broadcast carriage requirements.⁶

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ *Id.*

⁵ EchoStar hereby gives notice that it has commenced, at its own risk, construction of the EchoStar 15 satellite. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.113(f).

⁶ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.66(k)(2); *Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules*, Second Report and Order, 23 FCC Rcd 5351 (2008).

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1

(redacted)