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Via IBFS

Marlene H. Dortch  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Re: **EchoStar Corporation, Status Report**  
**File No. SAT-STA-20090325-00038**

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,



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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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<b>EchoStar Corporation</b>	)	
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Application for Renewal of Special	)	File No. SAT-STA-20090325-00038
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 December 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.<sup>1</sup>

***EchoStar 3.*** The operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite has not changed since EchoStar last reported on it on December 30, 2008.<sup>2</sup> The latest Spacecraft Health Report for EchoStar 3 is attached as Confidential Attachment 1.

***Replacement Satellite.*** Following the failed launch of the AMC-14 satellite, which had been identified to replace EchoStar 3, EchoStar contracted with Space Systems Loral for the construction of EchoStar 15, a 32-transponder-capable DBS satellite that will effectively replace

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<sup>1</sup> See Stamp Grant at conditions 4 and 5, File No. SAT-STA-20090325-00038 (granted May 28, 2009).

<sup>2</sup> See Confidential Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel to EchoStar Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, filed in IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20080823-00193 (filed December 30, 2008).

EchoStar 3 at 61.5° W.L.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>3</sup> EchoStar has previously notified the Commission that it has commenced, at its own risk, construction of the EchoStar 15 satellite. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 25.113(f).

<sup>4</sup> *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)