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Via IBFS

Robert Nelson
Chief, Satellite Division
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **File No. SAT-STA-20100203-00021**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On February 3, 2010, EchoStar Corporation filed the above referenced application for special temporary authority to move its EchoStar 12 satellite from 61.65° W.L. to 61.35° W.L. to accommodate the relocation of the EchoStar 6 satellite. EchoStar clarifies that the communications payload of the EchoStar 12 satellite will continue to operate during the proposed slight change in orbital position.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.439.6417 or pvorwig@steptoe.com.

Best regards,

/s/

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