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Via IBFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **DISH Operating L.L.C. - File No. SAT-STA-20100219-00031 (Call Sign 2740)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of DISH Operating L.L.C. (“DISH”), we submit this letter to clarify the requested start date of the above-referenced application for special temporary authority (“STA”), as well as certain other information provided in that application. As noted in the application, DISH must move the EchoStar 7 satellite slightly to 118.8° W.L. to make “room” for the EchoStar 14 satellite, which is scheduled to arrive on or around May 20, 2010. DISH must begin moving EchoStar 7 by May 3, 2010, in order to complete the drift prior to EchoStar 14’s arrival.

Because EchoStar 7 is the only DISH satellite providing service from the 119° W.L. orbital location, DISH must continue to operate the satellite’s communications payload during the drift to avoid a disruption in service to customers. Therefore, DISH clarifies that it is requesting specific authority for such operations. Once EchoStar 14 arrives at 118.9° W.L., DISH will continue to operate EchoStar 7 pursuant to a minor modification of its authority, which DISH will file shortly.

DISH also confirms that EchoStar 7 will not overlap with the Anik F3 satellite operating at 118.7° W.L. Anik F3 is maintained within a +/- 0.05° stationkeeping tolerance,¹ as is EchoStar 7.²

¹ See File No. SAT-PPL-20060516-00061, Narrative, Exhibit I, Response to Section 25.114(c)(5) (granted Jan. 19, 2007).

² See File No. SAT-STA-20100219-00031, Narrative, nt. 2 (filed Feb. 19, 2010).

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Therefore, they will not physically overlap. Furthermore, DISH has engaged in coordination with Telesat Canada, which operates Anik F3, in the past, (indeed it uses the Anik F3 Ku-band payload) and anticipates that physical coordination of the satellites can easily be achieved in the event it is necessary.

DISH respectfully requests that the above-captioned application be granted expeditiously in light of this information. Please contact me at 202.429.6494 or pmichalopoulos@steptoe.com if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

/s/

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