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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-20100226-00037

Dear Ms. Dortch:

EchoStar Corporation hereby submits for the public file a redacted version of its Status Report describing the operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite and the status of the replacement plans for that 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 /s/

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cc:
Robert Nelson, International Bureau

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

In the Matter of)

EchoStar Corporation)

Application for Renewal of Special)
Temporary Authority to Operate a Direct)
Broadcast Satellite (“DBS”) Service over)
Channels 23 and 24 at the 61.5° W.L.)
Orbital Location)

File No. SAT-STA-20100226-00037

STATUS REPORT

EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) submits a report on (1) the operating status of the EchoStar 3 satellite (including any change since December 30, 2009), and (2) the status of the replacement satellite for EchoStar 3. This report is being filed pursuant to conditions 4 and 5 of EchoStar’s Special Temporary Authority to operate on the two unassigned DBS channels at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location.¹

EchoStar 3. On January 7, 2010, EchoStar 3 experienced another Traveling Wave Tube Amplifiers (“TWTA”) anomaly further diminishing its operating capacity. In response, EchoStar requested and received Special Temporary Authority to relocate the EchoStar 6 satellite to 61.65° W.L., to operate it there as an in-orbit spare and to supplement, as needed, the service provided by EchoStar 3.² On May 3, 2010, EchoStar 3 suffered a further TWTA

¹ See Stamp Grant at conditions 4 and 5, File No. SAT-STA-20100226-00037 (granted Apr. 6, 2010).

² See File Nos. SAT-STA-20100203-00020 (granted Mar. 3, 2010), SAT-STA-20100512-00100 (granted May 25, 2010).

anomaly, prompting EchoStar to activate EchoStar 6's communications payload to maintain service following EchoStar 3's anomaly.³

Replacement Satellite. As previously reported to the Commission, EchoStar plans to launch EchoStar 15, a new 32-transponder-capable DBS satellite, to the 61.55° W.L. orbital location.⁴ Once operating, EchoStar 15 will effectively replace EchoStar 3 at 61.5° W.L. EchoStar 15 is expected to be launched on or around July 10, 2010. EchoStar 15's launch will help EchoStar's customer, DISH Network Corporation, to meet increased consumer demand for, among other things, High Definition ("HD") services, as well as the Commission's HD broadcast carriage requirements.⁵

Respectfully submitted,

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³ Letter from Petra A. Vorwig, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (May 3, 2010), *filed in* File Nos. SAT-STA-20100401-00062, SAT-STA-20100203-00020.

⁴ *See* File No. SAT-LOA-20100310-00043 (filed Mar. 10, 2010). In addition, EchoStar has requested special temporary authority to launch and test the EchoStar 15 satellite at 61.55° W.L., and to operate the satellite there while its application for full authority remains pending. *See* File Nos. SAT-STA-20100615-00133, SAT-STA-2010615-00134 (filed June 15, 2010).

⁵ *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. 5,351 (2008).

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