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

Re: EchoStar Corporation
File Nos. SAT-STA-20100401-00062, SAT-STA-20100203-00020; Call Sign S2232

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar"), this letter notifies the Commission that on May 3, 2010, EchoStar 3 (Call Sign S2653) experienced a transponder failure as a result of Traveling Wave Tube Amplifier anomalies, thereby diminishing EchoStar 3's operating capacity. Pursuant to condition 3 of the above referenced special temporary authority, EchoStar activated the communications payload of the EchoStar 6 satellite to maintain service following the failure. EchoStar now notifies the Commission, in writing, of such activation within three business day of activation, pursuant to condition 4 of the grant.[1]

Yours sincerely,

_____/s/_____
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cc:
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[1] *See* File No. SAT-STA-20100401-00062 (granted Mar. 3, 2010); *see also* File No. SAT-STA-20100203-00020 (granted Apr. 17, 2010) (granting EchoStar STA to continue operating EchoStar 6 pursuant to the conditions imposed in File No. SAT-STA-20100203-00020).