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Ms. Andrea Kelly
Satellite Division
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EchoStar Corporation, SAT-STA-20100615-00133, S2811

Dear Ms. Kelly:

In connection with the above-referenced application for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”), EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”), through undersigned counsel, writes to describe the continuing need for a partial grant of the requested STA notwithstanding the grant of its application for launch and operating authority of the EchoStar 15 satellite.

Subsequent to the filing of the above-referenced STA application, EchoStar was granted authority to construct, launch and operate the satellite.¹ The authorization gives EchoStar the authority to construct and launch EchoStar 15 with the capability of using all 32 DBS frequency channels at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location, but does not grant EchoStar authority to operate the satellite on DBS channels 23 and 24 as those channels have not been permanently assigned to any DBS provider.² Consequently, while EchoStar has now been granted authority to launch and operate the satellite, it still needs, as requested, STA to test the satellite using channel 23.

¹ FCC File No. SAT-LOA-20100310-00043, S2811 (granted July 1, 2010).

² EchoStar has filed a separate STA application to operate EchoStar 15 over channels 23 and 24 consistent with its existing STA to operate over those channels. *See* FCC File No. SAT-LOA-20100615-00134, S2811 (filed June 15, 2010). That application remains pending with the Commission.

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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