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

Re: **SAT-STA-20120319-00052**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation (“ESOC”) writes to withdraw its renewal application¹ for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate its EchoStar 3 satellite at 61.45° W.L. ESOC recently requested and obtained STA to move EchoStar 3 to 61.8° W.L.,² and ESOC has requested STA maintain EchoStar 3 at 61.8° W.L. as an in-orbit spare.³

If you have any questions regarding the information described in this letter, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
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Operating Corporation*

cc: Bill Nelson
Kathryn Medley
Mark Young

¹ See Narrative, File No. SAT-STA-20120319-00052 (filed Mar. 19, 2012).

² See Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-STA-20120424-00073 (granted Apr. 30, 2012).

³ See Narrative, File No. SAT-STA-20120424-00074 (filed Apr. 24, 2012).