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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION


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Renewal of Special Temporary Authority to Operate EchoStar 15 at 61.65 W.L.

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Attachment to Grant
EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation
IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20121203-00208
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EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation is granted special temporary authority to continue operating the EchoStar 15 space station (Call Sign S2811) at the 61.65° W.L. orbital location for a period of 180 days commencing on January 17, 2013. Operations pursuant to this authorization shall be in accordance with the conditions imposed as part of EchoStar's initial authorization to operate EchoStar 15 at this orbital location, granted on June 12, 2012. IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20120531-00091.

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3. Reference File Number SATSTA2012053100092 or Submission ID

4a. Is a fee submitted with this application?

- If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).
- Governmental Entity Noncommercial educational licensee
- Other (please explain):

4b. Fee Classification

5. Type Request

- Change Station Location Extend Expiration Date Other

6. Temporary Orbit Location
61.65 W.L.

7. Requested Extended Expiration Date
2012-07-14 00:00:00.0

8. Description (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)

EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation requests renewal of its Special Temporary Authority to operate the EchoStar 15 satellite at 61.65 W.L. See attached narrative.

9. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application"; for these purposes. Yes No

10. Name of Person Signing
Alison Minea

11. Title of Person Signing
Corporate Counsel

12. Please supply any need attachments.

Attachment 1: Narrative

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

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

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ECHOSTAR SATELLITE OPERATING)	File No. SAT-STA-20120531-00092
CORPORATION)	File No. SAT-STA-2012 ____ - ____
)	Call Sign S2811
Application for Renewal of Special)	
Temporary Authority to Operate at 61.65°)	
W.L.)	
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APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation (“ESOC,” and collectively with its affiliates, “EchoStar”) hereby requests a 180-day renewal of its special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate EchoStar 15 at 61.65° W.L.¹ The current STA for the space station expires on January 16, 2013.²

I. BACKGROUND

As the Commission is aware, on July 10, 2010, EchoStar successfully launched EchoStar 15, a 32-transponder Direct Broadcast Satellite (“DBS”) that, in light of the loss of AMC-14,³ effectively replaced EchoStar 3.⁴ EchoStar 15 became fully operational on August 5, 2010. Since its launch, EchoStar 15 operated at 61.55° W.L. and then was moved to 61.65° W.L.

¹ EchoStar will maintain EchoStar 15 within a $\pm 0.05^\circ$ station-keeping box while at 61.65° W.L.

² See Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-STA-20120531-00092 (granted July 18, 2012).

³ See Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel for EchoStar Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, File No. SAT-STA-20080923-00193 (Dec. 30, 2008).

⁴ See Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-LOA-20100310-00043 (granted July 1, 2010).

pursuant to STA. EchoStar 15 provides capacity for EchoStar's customer, DISH Network L.L.C., to provide Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") service to U.S. consumers.

EchoStar 16 is expected to replace EchoStar 15 at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location once EchoStar 16 completes its in-orbit testing. EchoStar currently expects EchoStar 16 to arrive at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location sometime in late December or early January. Once there, EchoStar will work to transfer traffic from EchoStar 15 to EchoStar 16 without interruption to service to DISH network customers. Once all traffic is transferred, which EchoStar anticipates will be sometime in the latter half of January, EchoStar expects to move EchoStar 15 to 44.9° W.L.

II. THIS REQUEST IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND WILL NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE

The requested STA is in the public interest for the same reason EchoStar was granted STA to operate EchoStar 15 at 61.65° W.L.⁵ Moreover, grant of this application will ensure safe station-keeping margins for each of the satellites that are located at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location. Grant of this application will not cause harmful interference because EchoStar will operate EchoStar 15 in accordance with the conditions imposed on the original STA grant.⁶

III. WAIVER PURSUANT TO SECTION 304 OF THE ACT

In accordance with Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 304, ESOC hereby waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or use of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise.

⁵ See Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-STA-20120531-00091 (granted June 12, 2012).

⁶ See *id.*

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, ESOC respectfully requests grant of its application for renewal of its 180-day special temporary authority to operate EchoStar 15 at 61.65° W.L.

Respectfully submitted,

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