



Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Education and Economic Development

By eMail

31st March, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Re: File Nos. SAT-STA-20140113-00004 & SAT-STA-20130220-00023 (Call Sign S2232)

I am writing of behalf of the Minister of Education and Economic Development who has responsibility for Telecommunications in Bermuda. We have reviewed the recent reply ("Reply") of Spectrum Five LLC ("Spectrum Five") regarding the above-referenced application by EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation ("EchoStar") for renewal of special temporary authorization to operate the EchoStar 6 satellite at 96.2° W.L.¹

In its reply, Spectrum Five questions whether EchoStar's customer and development partner, Satellite Ventures (Bermuda) Ltd. ("SVBL") (formerly, SES Satellites (Bermuda) Ltd.) was authorised by the Government of Bermuda to operate the EchoStar 6 satellite at 96.2° W.L. at the time of the initial application by EchoStar and grant by the Commission of special temporary authorization to operate the EchoStar 6 satellite at 96.2° W.L.

We wish to reiterate and confirm the statement made in our letter of 20 February 2013² that SVBL was authorised by the Government of Bermuda to operate satellites in the Ku-band at 96.2° W.L. pursuant to an application for authority under the Satellite Network Notification and Coordination Regulations 2007 (the "Regulations"). The three certificates and the licence envisaged by the Regulations were subsequently issued to SVBL in the normal course.

We trust the foregoing addresses any uncertainty concerning the actions and intentions of the Government of Bermuda in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

William G. Francis
Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Policy)

¹ Reply of Spectrum Five, IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20140113-00004 (Mar. 11, 2014).

² See EchoStar STA Application, IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20130220-00023 (Feb. 20, 2013), Attachment 1 (Letter from Jeane Nikolai, Acting Director of Telecommunications, Bermuda Department of Telecommunications, to Fern Jarmulnek, Acting Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau, FCC (Feb. 20, 2013))