

EXHIBIT 1

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST FOR STA RENEWAL

EchoStar BSS Corporation (collectively with its affiliates, “DISH”) hereby requests a 180-day renewal of its special temporary authority (“STA”), currently expiring on January 26, 2021,¹ to operate the EchoStar 16 satellite (Call Sign S2844) on channels 1 and 2 at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location.

On June 22, 2012, the Commission granted modification of the authorization of EchoStar 16 to permit operations at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location on Direct Broadcast Satellite (“DBS”) channels 3 through 32, along with a 180-day STA to operate on channels 1 and 2 upon receipt of notification that EchoStar 16 had commenced operations.² On February 19, 2013, EchoStar, the predecessor in interest to DISH, filed notification of commencement of operations of EchoStar 16.³ Since then, the Commission has continued to renew the STA—as recently as March 27, 2019—to operate EchoStar 16 on channels 1 and 2. Consequently, DISH currently operates EchoStar 16 on DBS channels 1-32 at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location, thus ensuring the continued full utilization of the DBS spectrum at that orbital location.

Grant of the requested 180-day STA renewal is in the public interest for the reasons set forth in the original STA grant, which is incorporated herein by reference.⁴ DISH will continue

¹ See EchoStar BSS Corporation, File No. SAT-STA-20200619-00080 (granted July 30, 2020).

² See EchoStar Satellite Operating Corp., *Order and Authorization*, 27 FCC Rcd. 7138, 7141-42 ¶¶ 10-11 (2012) (“*June 2012 Order*”).

³ See Letter from Jaime Londono, Vice President, Advanced Programs & Spectrum Management, EchoStar Technologies LLC, to Fern Jarmulnek, Acting Chief, Satellite Division, International Bureau, FCC (Feb. 19, 2013), filed in File No. SAT-LOA-20110902-00172 (stating that EchoStar 16 became operational at 61.5° W.L. on February 14, 2013).

⁴ See *June 2012 Order*.

to comply with the conditions on the use of the channels set forth in the original grant as follows:⁵

1. DISH's use of channels 1 and 2 shall cause no harmful interference to any other lawfully operating radio station, and DISH shall cease operation on these channels immediately upon notification of such interference.
2. DISH shall not claim protection from interference from any other lawfully operating radio station with respect to its operations on channels 1 and 2.
3. DISH has informed its customers in writing that services using channels 1 and 2 from the 61.5° W.L. cluster will be discontinued upon the termination of its temporary authority to operate on these channels.
4. DISH will continue to provide the required terms set forth in the original grant in its monthly billing statements and marketing notifications.
5. DISH will continue to use channels 1 and 2 at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location only for free-standing, separate programming packages that are not required as a condition of purchasing any other programming packages and that are readily capable of being withdrawn on short notice.
6. DISH will cease operations on channels 1 and 2 at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location upon the launch and operation of a satellite regularly licensed to operate on these channels at this location.

For the foregoing reasons, DISH respectfully requests renewal of its STA to operate EchoStar 16 on channels 1 and 2 at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location.

⁵ See *id.* ¶ 11.