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

**Re: Hughes Network Systems, LLC Transfer of Control Application
File No. SAT-T/C-20100527-00113**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In the above-referenced application, Hughes Network Systems, LLC (“Hughes”), licensee of the SPACEWAY 3 Ka-band fixed-satellite service space station under Call Sign S2663, requested a *pro forma* transfer of control to enable it to continue operation of the space station through a wholly-owned Hughes subsidiary under the licensing authority of the United Kingdom. By this letter, and pursuant to Section 25.152(a) of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 25.152(a), Hughes hereby voluntarily withdraws and requests dismissal of its transfer of control application in File No. SAT-T/C-20100527-00113.

SPACEWAY 3 has been in commercial operation since 2008 as a space object of the United States from the 94.95° W.L. orbital location. The principal frequency assignments used by SPACEWAY 3 were filed with the International Telecommunication Union (“ITU”) on Hughes’s behalf by the United Kingdom’s Office of Communications (“Ofcom”) under the network name, UKSAT-10. A later U.S. filing with the ITU, under the network name USASAT-700, is also associated with SPACEWAY 3. The frequency assignments associated with SPACEWAY 3 to both the UKSAT-10 and USASAT-700 networks have been notified to the ITU as having been brought into use.

Under a practice that has been confirmed by the ITU’s 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference as valid under the ITU Radio Regulations, Hughes intends to continue the use of the UKSAT-10 frequency assignments for service authorized by the Commission under Call Sign S2663. In such a circumstance, and in light of unanswered questions of international law and policy regarding the transfer of responsibility for space objects between nations, Hughes has determined that it is able to satisfy its objectives of the proposed *pro forma* transfer of control while continuing to operate under its Commission-issued license for Call Sign S2663.

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Please direct any questions regarding this request for dismissal of the above-referenced application to me.

Respectfully submitted,



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