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Via HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: **Request for Bond Reduction**
File Nos. SES-LFS-20040831-01253; SES-LIC-20050621-00799

Dear Ms. Dortch,

EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation ("EchoStar") respectfully requests that the International Bureau expeditiously grant its January 19, 2006 request for a reduction of the \$3 million bond payable on EchoStar's earth station authorizations to communicate with the Canadian-licensed Anik F3 satellite at 118.7° W.L.¹ EchoStar notes that, on July 10, 2006, Telesat Canada submitted a confidential and redacted copy of its contract for the construction of Anik F3 in this proceeding. In addition, EchoStar hereby submits a March 22 letter from Telesat Canada confirming that all critical design reviews, and all payments associated with such reviews, have been made to its satellite contractor. *See* Attachment A. As a result, EchoStar has now more than demonstrated that all but the launch and operation milestone for the Anik F3 satellite has been met, consistent with the standards

¹ *See* Letter from Philip L. Malet, Counsel for EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed Jan. 19, 2006).

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applied by the Bureau in the case of *Lockheed Martin Corp.*² Therefore, its request to reduce the amount of its performance bond to \$750,000 should be granted.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

cc:
Robert Nelson, International Bureau
Andrea Kelly, International Bureau
Jay Whaley, International Bureau

² See Public Notice, *Policy Branch Information: Actions Taken*, DA 05-0261 (rel. Jul. 22, 2005) (confirming that Lockheed Martin Corp. had met its first three milestones for its proposed radionavigation satellite at 133° W.L. (File No. SAT-LOA-19990427-00047); Request for Determination of Compliance with Satellite Implementation Milestones, *filed by Lockheed Martin Corp. in File No. SAT-LOA-19990427-00047* (filed Jul. 19, 2005).



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March 22, 2006

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Dear Dave:

Subject: Anik F3

On behalf of Telesat Canada, I confirm that the critical design reviews for the Anik F3 satellite being constructed by Astrium have been completed on April 8, 2005 and that all payments have been made for such reviews. I also confirm that, as of the date of this letter, 63.85% percentage of the contract price for the Anik F3 satellite has been paid to Astrium.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Tinley".

Roger J. Tinley