

Question 36
HNS License Sub, LLC
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Modification of License Application
February 2013

Response to Question 36

On June 8, 2011, EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) acquired control of Hughes Communications, Inc., parent company of HNS License Sub, LLC. *See BRH Holdings, GP, Ltd. and EchoStar Corporation*, DA 11-1015 (IB, released June 8, 2011).

In a letter dated May 27, 2009, the Satellite Division of the International Bureau returned the application of EchoStar Corporation (along with its subsidiaries, “EchoStar’s”) to operate a geostationary C-band satellite at the nominal 85° W.L. orbital location as unacceptable for filing, without prejudice to refiling. *See Letter from Robert G. Nelson, Chief, Satellite Division, to Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel for EchoStar Corporation*, 24 FCC Rcd 7132 (Sat. Div. 2009).

On July 29, 2010, the International Bureau (“IB”) dismissed EchoStar’s application to construct, launch, and operate a C-band satellite at the 84.9° W.L. orbital location. *See EchoStar Corporation*, 25 FCC Rcd 10193 (IB 2010).

On July 26, 2011, the IB declared null and void EchoStar’s authorization to construct, launch, and operate a new Direct Broadcast Satellite at 86.5° W.L. for alleged failure to meet the critical design review milestone, and rejected EchoStar’s request to modify its 86.5° W.L. authorization to allow the in-orbit EchoStar 8 satellite to provide service from that orbital location. *See EchoStar Corporation*, 26 FCC Rcd 10442 (IB 2011). EchoStar has filed a petition for reconsideration of the IB’s decision. *See EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation, Petition for Reconsideration*, File Nos. SAT-LOA-20030609-00113, SAT-MOD-20081229-00239, SAT-MOD-20101124-00244, SAT-AMD-20110330-00065 (filed Aug. 25, 2011).