

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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)	File No. SES-STA-20120424-00385
)	File No. SES-STA-2012____-____
ECHOSTAR BROADCASTING CORPORATION)	Call Sign E010242
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Applications for Special Temporary)	File No. SES-STA-20120424-00387
Authority to Operate EchoStar 3 as an In-)	File No. SES-STA-2012____-____
Orbit Spare at 61.8° W.L.)	Call Sign E020248
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APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

By this Application, and pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules,¹ EchoStar Broadcasting Corporation (“EBC,” and collectively with its affiliates, “EchoStar”) requests renewal of its special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate two transmit/receive earth stations (Call Signs E010242 and E020248) to provide only telemetry, tracking, and control (“TT&C”) for the EchoStar 3 satellite at 61.8° W.L. for 180 days. The current STAs for each of the earth stations expire on December 26, 2012.²

I. BACKGROUND

EchoStar is preparing to launch the EchoStar 16 satellite in November 2012, which will supplement the service DISH Network L.L.C. provides from 61.5° W.L. and ensure the continued full utilization of the DBS spectrum at that orbital location. In anticipation of this launch and the assumption of operations at 61.5° W.L. by EchoStar 16, EchoStar repositioned EchoStar 3 at 61.8° W.L. Operating at 61.8° W.L. as an in-orbit spare, EchoStar 3 remains in

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(2).

² See Stamp Grant, File Nos. SES-STA-20120424-00385, Call Sign E010242 (granted June 15, 2012); SES-STA-20120424-00387, Call Sign E020248 (granted June 15, 2012).

close proximity to the 61.5° W.L. nominal orbital location and available, if needed, for repositioning within the orbital cluster to provide service.

II. THIS REQUEST IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND WILL NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE

The requested STAs are in the public interest for the same reason EchoStar was granted STA to operate EchoStar 3 as an in-orbit spare. Moreover, grant of this application will ensure safe station-keeping margins for each of the satellites that are located at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location. Grant of this application will not cause harmful interference because EchoStar will operate the earth stations to conduct TT&C operations while EchoStar 3 is at 61.8° W.L. in accordance with the conditions imposed on the original STA grant.³

III. WAIVER PURSUANT TO SECTION 304 OF THE ACT

In accordance with Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 304, EBC hereby waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or use of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, EBC respectfully requests the grant of its application for renewal of its 180-day special temporary authority to operate two transmit/receive earth stations (Call Signs E010242 and E020248) to provide TT&C service for EchoStar 3 at 61.8° W.L.

³ See Stamp Grant, File No. SES-STA-20120424-00384 (granted May 1, 2012); Stamp Grant, File No. SES-STA-20120424-00386 (granted May 1, 2012).

Respectfully submitted,

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