

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

In the Matter of

ECHOSTAR BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Application for Renewal of Special
Temporary Authority to Operate Four
Transmit/Receive and Feeder Link
Earth Stations to Communicate with the
EchoStar 16 Satellite at 61.5° W.L.

File No. SES-STA-20130108-00023
File No. SES-STA-2013_____-_____
Call Sign: E980081

File No. SES-STA-20130108-00021
File No. SES-STA-2013_____-_____
Call Sign: E080215

File No. SES-STA-20130108-00013
File No. SES-STA-2013_____-_____
Call Sign: E080015

File No. SES-STA-20130108-00015
File No. SES-STA-2013_____-_____
Call Sign: E080214

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

By this Application, and pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the Commission's rules,¹ EchoStar Broadcasting Corporation ("EchoStar Broadcasting" and with its affiliates, "EchoStar") respectfully requests renewal of its 60-day Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate four earth stations (Call Signs E980081, E080215, E080214, and E080015) to perform telemetry, tracking, and control ("TT&C") and feeder-link operations with EchoStar 16 at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location. The current STAs expire on March 12, 2013.²

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(3).

² See Stamp Grant, File Nos. SES-STA-20130108-00023, Call Sign E980081 (granted Jan. 10, 2013); SES-STA-20130108-00021, Call Sign E080215 (granted Jan. 10, 2013); SES-STA-20130108-00015, Call Sign E080214 (granted Jan. 11, 2013); SES-STA-20130108-00013, Call Sign E080015 (granted Jan. 11, 2013).

I. BACKGROUND

EchoStar currently operates four Direct Broadcast Satellites (“DBS”) at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location: EchoStar 3 (61.8° W.L.), EchoStar 12 (61.35° W.L.), EchoStar 15 (61.65° W.L.), and EchoStar 16 (61.5° W.L.). Prior to the arrival of EchoStar 16 at 61.5° W.L., EchoStar 15 and EchoStar 12 had been carrying all of the traffic from that orbital location. EchoStar 3 has been acting as an in-orbit spare.³ EchoStar has completed the transfer of traffic to EchoStar 16 and continues to optimize the use of its satellite fleet in the 61.5° W.L. cluster for DISH services.

II. GRANT OF THIS APPLICATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

These applications are in the public interest for the reasons set forth in the original STA grants, which are incorporated herein by reference.⁴ Furthermore, grant of these applications will ensure the continued safe operation of EchoStar 16 at the nominal 61.5° W.L. orbital location.

III. SECTION 304 WAIVER

In accordance with Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 304, EchoStar Broadcasting hereby waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or 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, EchoStar Broadcasting respectfully requests the grant of its application for renewal of 60-day special temporary authority to operate four earth stations (Call

³ See Stamp Grant, File No. SAT-STA-20121113-00198, Call Sign S2741 (granted Jan. 28, 2013).

⁴ See Stamp Grant, File Nos. SES-STA-20130108-00023, Call Sign E980081 (granted Jan. 10, 2013); SES-STA-20130108-00021, Call Sign E080215 (granted Jan. 10, 2013); SES-STA-20130108-00015, Call Sign E080214 (granted Jan. 11, 2013); SES-STA-20130108-00013, Call Sign E080015 (granted Jan. 11, 2013).

Signs E980081, E080215, E080214, and E080015) to perform TT&C and feeder-link operations with EchoStar 16 at 61.5° W.L.

Respectfully submitted,

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