

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

) File No. SES-STA-20121203-01058
) File No. SES-STA-2013____ - _____
) Call Sign E080058
In the Matter of)
) File No. SES-STA-20121203-01057
ECHOSTAR BROADCASTING CORPORATION) File No. SES-STA-2013____ - _____
) Call Sign E980174
Applications for Renewal of Special)
Temporary Authority to Operate Four) File No. SES-STA-20121203-01061
Transmit/Receive Earth Stations with) File No. SES-STA-2013____ - _____
EchoStar 8 at 76.90° W.L.) Call Sign E980180
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) File No. SES-STA-20121203-01060
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APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

By this Application, and pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(4) of the Commission’s rules,¹ EchoStar Broadcasting Corporation (“EchoStar Broadcasting,” and collectively with its affiliates, “EchoStar”) hereby requests the following: (1) a 30-day renewal of its special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate three transmit/receive earth stations (Call Signs E080058, E980174, and E980180) to provide telemetry, tracking, and control (“TT&C”) and feeder link communications with the EchoStar 8 satellite at the 76.90° W.L. orbital location; and (2) a 30-day renewal of its STA to operate one transmit/receive earth station (Call Sign

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §25.120(b)(4).

E080120) to provide TT&C with the EchoStar 8 satellite at the 76.90° W.L. orbital location. The current STAs expire on February 24, 2013.²

I. BACKGROUND

The nominal 77° W.L. orbital location is allotted to Mexico under the Region 2 Broadcasting-Satellite Service plan set forth in Appendices 30 and 30A to the International Radio Regulations. In addition to the EchoStar 8 satellite, three other Direct Broadcast Satellites (“DBS”) currently operate at the nominal 77° W.L. orbital location under EchoStar’s direction: EchoStar 1, EchoStar 6, and QuetzSat-1. With the launch and drift of QuetzSat-1 to the 77° W.L. orbital location, where it has been put into operation, EchoStar 6 has become available for other uses in the EchoStar satellite fleet. EchoStar 1 continues to provide backup capacity for the orbital cluster, while QuetzSat-1 and EchoStar 8 are used by EchoStar’s customers, DISH Network L.L.C. (“DISH”) and DISH Mexico, to provide DBS service in the United States and Mexico. The U.S. service includes local-into-local programming in a number of markets in the southern United States.

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.³ Furthermore, grant of these applications will ensure the continued safe operation of EchoStar 8 at the nominal 77° W.L. orbital location.

² See Stamp Grant, File Nos. SES-STA-20121203-01058, Call Sign E080058 (granted Jan. 25, 2013); SES-STA-20121203-01057, Call Sign E980174 (granted Jan. 25, 2013); SES-STA-20121203-01061, Call Sign E980180 (granted Jan. 25, 2013); SES-STA-20121203-01060, Call Sign E080120 (granted Jan. 25, 2013).

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, 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 its 30-day special temporary authority to operate three transmit/receive earth stations (Call Signs E080058, E980174, and E980180) to provide TT&C and feeder link service with EchoStar 8 at 76.90° W.L. and to operate one transmit/receive earth station (Call Sign E080120) to provide TT&C service with EchoStar 8 at 76.90° W.L.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ See Stamp Grant, File Nos. SES-STA-20121203-01058, Call Sign E080058 (granted Jan. 25, 2013); SES-STA-20121203-01057, Call Sign E980174 (granted Jan. 25, 2013); SES-STA-20121203-01061, Call Sign E980180 (granted Jan. 25, 2013); SES-STA-20121203-01060, Call Sign E080120 (granted Jan. 25, 2013).