

ATTACHMENT 1

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

EchoStar Operating L.L.C. (together with its affiliates, “EchoStar”) requests a 60-day extension from June 18, 2019 to August 17, 2019 of its previously granted applications for special temporary authority.¹ EchoStar will continue to operate the five earth stations in Cheyenne, WY, Blackhawk/Summerset, SD, and Gilbert, AZ (Call Signs E980005, E020248, E150098, E070014, and E170094) for telemetry, tracking, and command and feeder link communications with the EchoStar 23 satellite during its relocation from 44.9° W.L. to, and operations at, the 72.6° W.L. orbital location.

The operating parameters of the earth stations are set forth in the underlying modification applications to add the EchoStar satellite at 72.6 W.L. as a point of communications for TT&C and feeder links.² The requested modification will allow regular operations of EchoStar 23 at 72.6° W.L. for service to DISH subscribers in the United States and Canada. EchoStar is in the process of securing Canadian authorization for its operations at the proposed orbital location and expects to commence the drift to 72.6° W.L. on June 15, 2019.

Grant of the requested STA will serve the public interest by allowing EchoStar the flexibility to manage its satellite fleet efficiently, provide for more productive use of its satellites, and further ensure full use of spectrum and uninterrupted service from the nominal 72.6° W.L. orbital location. Indeed, the Commission has a longstanding policy of leaving fleet management decisions to satellite operators because doing so generally serves the public interest.

¹ See IBFS File Nos. SES-STA-20190214-00097, SES-STA-20190214-00098, SES-STA-20190214-00099, SES-STA-20190214-00100, and SES-STA-20190308-00311.

² See IBFS File Nos. SES-MFS-20190214-00088, SES-MFS-20190214-00089, SES-MFS-20190214-00090, SES-MFS-20190214-00091, and SES-MFS-2019-0308-00275.