

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

In the Matter of)	
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ECHOSTAR CORPORATION)	File No. SAT-_____
)	File No. SAT-STA-20080219-00048
Amendment to Application for Special Temporary)	Call Sign S2746
Authority to Launch the AMC-14 Satellite and to)	
Test AMC-14 at 56° W.L.)	
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EXPEDITED ACTION REQUESTED

AMENDMENT TO
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) hereby amends its pending application for special temporary authority (“STA”) to launch and test the AMC-14 satellite at the 56° W.L. orbital location.¹ Specifically, EchoStar is seeking to adjust the orbital location for in-orbit testing by 0.5 degrees to 56.5° W.L. to facilitate coordination of the testing with Intelsat, which is operating the IS-805 satellite at 55.5° W.L. on frequencies that overlap partially with the frequencies on which AMC-14 will be tested. EchoStar, SES Americom and Intelsat have reached an understanding in principle regarding coordination of the AMC-14 testing at 56.5, ° W.L. and expect to finalize their agreement shortly.

As noted in its STA application, EchoStar (in conjunction with SES Americom) has been in coordination discussions with Intelsat to establish the test conditions for the AMC-14 satellite. As a result of these discussions, the parties have reached an understanding in principle to conduct in-orbit testing of AMC-14 at 56.5° W.L. (instead of 56.0° W.L.) in order to better protect earth

¹ See File No. SAT-STA-20080219-00048 (filed Feb. 19, 2008).

stations in Central America operating with the IS-805 satellite. This increased orbital separation, combined with the geographic isolation between the downlink beams of the two satellites in the overlapping frequencies, will ensure no harmful interference into the operations of the IS-805 network.

No other change to the STA application is being made or requested. This amendment will not diminish in any way the public interest benefits to be derived from grant of the STA application. In fact, this amendment would reduce the potential for harmful interference from AMC-14 into IS-805 during in-orbit testing.

As noted in the STA application, AMC-14 is currently scheduled to launch in mid-March 2008. EchoStar therefore respectfully requests expedited action on this STA request (as amended) for the event that EchoStar's pending application for regular authority to launch and operate AMC-14² is not acted upon in time to meet that launch date.

Respectfully submitted,

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² See File No. SAT-LOA-20071221-00183.