

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

EchoStar Satellite Corporation

Application for Authority to Launch a
Direct Broadcast Satellite

File No. DBS-88-01

ORDER

Adopted: December 21, 1995; Released: January 11, 1996

By the Chief, International Bureau:

1. By this Order, we grant the unopposed request of EchoStar Satellite Corporation ("EchoStar") for authority to launch its "USABSS-3" satellite for use from its eastern orbital location in the Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") service. EchoStar requests authority to launch its eastern satellite to the 119.2° W.L orbital location. EchoStar holds a construction permit for a DBS system which includes satellites at this location, and at 175° W.L.¹

2. EchoStar has completed construction of its eastern satellite, and has provided the technical information required for international notification in accordance with the ITU Radio Regulations. We conclude that the launch of this satellite will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Therefore, we grant EchoStar's application to launch.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to authority delegated by Section 0.261 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261, IT IS ORDERED that the Application for Authority to Launch a DBS satellite to the 119.2° W.L. orbital location filed by EchoStar Satellite Corporation (DBS-88-01) IS GRANTED, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS that: (1) the ITU confirms that the operation of USABSS-3 is in conformance with Appendices 30, 30A and Resolution 42 of the ITU Radio Regulations; (2) until the Region 2 Plan is modified to include the technical parameters of USABSS-3, this satellite will not cause harmful interference to or receive protection from other assignments that are in conformance with Appendix 30 of the ITU Radio Regulations; and (3) EchoStar coordinates its operations with the operation of in-orbit United States DBS service providers before it brings its satellite into service. The grant of this application includes launch and positioning authority for USABSS-3.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon successful launch and positioning of USABSS-3, EchoStar shall: (1) file an application for license to cover the facilities authorized herein within thirty (30) days; and (2) certify to the Commission that the in-orbit operations of the satellite

fully conform to the specifications set forth in the application and in this authorization, and that the satellite is fully capable of providing the services proposed.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is effective upon adoption.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Scott Blake Harris
Chief, International Bureau

¹ EchoStar Satellite Corp., 7 F.C.C.R. 1765, 1772 (1992).