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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

Applications Accepted for Filing

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

SAT-PDR-19991217-00128 s2231 ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Original File No. 74-SAT-P/L-96; Call Sign S2231
Declaratory Ruling/Service to Alaska and Hawaii

EchoStar Satellite Corporation filed a request for a declaratory ruling that it has satisfied all of the construction and operation milestones of its authorization to construct, launch, and operate a Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) system over 24 channels at the 148 degrees W.L. orbital location. Alternatively, EchoStar requests additional time to satisfy these milestones currently set to expire on December 20, 2000 and December 20, 2002. In addition, EchoStar filed a letter informing the Commission of its current plans to provide service to Alaska and Hawaii from its satellites located at 110 degrees W.L. and 119 degrees W.L. See Letter from General Counsel, EchoStar Satellite Corporation to Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, December 17, 1999, which is included in the above referenced file.

NOTE: The Commission seeks public comment on both of these filings. Comments are due on or before February 7, 2000 and replies on or before February 22, 2000.

For more information concerning this Notice, contact the Satellite and Radiocommunication Division at 418-0719; TTY 202-418-2555.