



July 22, 2016

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC, 20554

Subject: Ex Parte on EAS Operating Handbook Recommendations (PS Docket No. 15-94)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

EchoStar Technologies (EchoStar) hereby submits this ex parte to the Public Notice in the above referenced FCC proceeding. EchoStar appreciates the work of the FCC and the Communications Security and Reliability Council on updating the current Emergency Alert Service (EAS) handbook. The EAS handbook continues to be an invaluable tool to EAS participants.

Despite EchoStar's overall support for the revisions to the EAS handbook, EchoStar has concerns with the proposed changes to the "Statement of Manufacturers." Our concern with the proposed language is that it neglects that the broadcaster will play a critical role in ensuring that its operations support the FCC's EAS guidelines for that site. In order to better reflect the role of the broadcaster, we urge the FCC to modify the propose language to read, "Each broadcaster is to work with the equipment manufacturer of the broadcaster's choice to configure and keep current the equipment for the individual setup and operations to support the FCC guidelines for that specific facility."

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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