

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

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In the Matter of:

Revision of Rules and Policies  
for the Direct Broadcast  
Satellite Service.

IB Docket No. 95-168  
PP Docket No. 93-253  
FCC No. 95-507

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OPPOSITION OF MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION  
TO EMERGENCY PETITION OF ECHOSTAR CORPORATION  
TO STAY THE JANUARY 24, 1996 DBS AUCTION

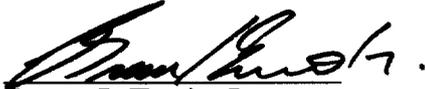
MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") respectfully opposes the emergency petition of Echostar Satellite Corporation ("Echostar") for a stay of the auction of two permits for Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") service. The auction is scheduled for January 24, 1996. MCI participated in the related rulemaking proceeding. See Report and Order: Revision of Rules and Policies for the Direct Broadcast Satellite Service, FCC No. 95-507, IB Docket No. 95-168, PP Docket No. 93-253 (rel. December 15, 1995) ("Report and Order").

The emergency petition should be denied. Echostar's contentions that the auction is unlawful are entirely insubstantial. Echostar is therefore unlikely to succeed on the merits of any judicial proceeding in which it sought to invalidate the auction. Moreover, Echostar has failed to show that it will suffer any harm, let alone irreparable harm, if a stay is denied. Finally, delaying the scheduled auction pending the disposition of court challenges to the Report and

Order would gravely injure parties such as MCI that wish to offer competitive DBS service, and would harm the public interest in rapid introduction of competitive DBS service.

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