July 25, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20054

Re: Ex Parte Presentation – EAS Informational Meeting—EB Docket No. 04-296

Dear Ms. Dortch,

EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. ("EchoStar") hereby reports that on July 24, 2006, Lori Kalani and Dave Bair of EchoStar spoke with Bruce Gottlieb from Commissioner Copps' office. During the meeting, EchoStar discussed EchoStar's current EAS message capability. EchoStar can create a 255 character pop-up overlay message in each individual set top box. The benefit of this pop up is that the message would be seen by any viewer, regardless of whether he or she is watching real time TV, pay-per-view or recorded programming.

With respect to timing, EchoStar stressed that a Department of Homeland Security clearinghouse is needed that can aggregate all EAS alerts and sort notifications by zip code. EchoStar cannot feasibly monitor each locality for an EAS alert because EchoStar has a national footprint and does not have a local presence in these communities.

As required by 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), an original and one copy of this letter is being filed with the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc:
Bruce Gottlieb, Commissioner Copps' Office